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Prospects Good For Renewed Talks On The Oil Dispute

New York, Oct. 11.

Sources near the Security Council President, Senhor Joao Carlos Muniz of Brazil, today revealed that prospects for renewal of the Anglo-Iranian oil talks were increasingly good.

A source which participated in various Anglo-American and Irano-American secret conferences told the United Press: "Both the Iranians and the British are being very receptive. There are growing indications that Anglo-Iranian negotiations will be resumed within the next week or ten days, or at least there will be solid agreement to go ahead with the talks."

Meanwhile, United States diplomats continued their efforts to promote the best possible climate for negotiations. It was reported by one high authority that the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr George McGhee, had urged the Iranian Premier, Dr Mohamed Mossadegh, to make his scheduled Security Council speech on Monday as mild as possible in order not to make it too difficult for the hard-pressed British government to sit down with the Iranians again.

IN THE MOOD

Iranian sources said that Dr Mossadegh—whose main speech will be read in French by the Iranian UN delegate, Dr Ali Gholi Ardalan, after the premier has delivered a brief oration in Persian—would endeavour to refute charges made last week by the British delegate, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, but would stress the desire of the Iranian government to reopen direct talks.

Diplomats said preliminary talks with Dr Mossadegh showed clearly that the statesman was "definitely in a mood for negotiations" and they stressed that they understood the Iranians were prepared to go a long way to meet the British viewpoint. It was made clear, however, that Dr Mossadegh contemplates no departure from the nationalisation law.

It was understood the Anglo-Iranian talks may be resumed in New York, then eventually moved back to Teheran. Negotiations are expected to pick up momentum with the return from Washington this afternoon of Mr McGhee, who has been in consultation with administration officials.—United Press.

NEW RIFLE CRITICISED

San Francisco, Oct. 11.

American experts at the National Rifle Association's annual convention sharply criticised the new British .280 automatic rifle—proposed as a standard weapon for all North Atlantic Treaty nations.

The new rifle—a subject of hot debate among riflemen since it was proposed by England last July—was called "a ridiculous stupidity" by Paul B. Cardinal of the Association in discussions yesterday.

Major-General Merritt A. Edson, USMC (retired), the Association's Executive Director, seconded Mr Cardinal's comments.

He said the full-automatic, stockless weapon was nothing more than a glorified submachinegun—"A gangster weapon, effective only aginst mob targets at close range." Aimed fire, he said, has always proved to be the most effective, although the Russians and Chinese rely heavily on tommy-guns in their massed formations.—Associated Press.

Becomes A Moslem

Cairo, Oct. 11.

Sheppard King III, wealthy Protestant from Texas who is engaged to marry an Egyptian dancer, Semia Gamal, formally became a Moslem today and changed his name to Abdullah in a brief ceremony.—United Press.

General Mansergh's Successor Named

London, Oct. 11.

Major-General Sir Terence Airey has been appointed Commander, British Forces in Hongkong in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Mansergh, it was announced tonight.

Major-General Airey is at present Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, at Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe. He takes up his new appointment early in February.

Lieutenant-General Mansergh was recently appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, Northern Europe.—Reuter.

General Airey, who is 51 years of age, started his military career in 1919, when he became a 2nd Lieut. in the Durham Light Infantry.

He was promoted to Captain in 1933, secured his majority in 1938, and was appointed a temporary Lieut-Colonel in 1940.

He became a Colonel in 1945 and in the same year was promoted to temporary Major-General. In September, 1945 he was made a substantive Brigadier.

He served throughout the war from 1939 to 1945, during which period he was awarded the OBE, the CBE, and made a Companion of the Bath.

At The Royal State Dinner In Ottawa . . .

They Went Without The hors d'oeuvres

Ottawa, Oct. 11.

Every gesture, every smile, made by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh is under close scrutiny by Canadians as the Royal couple continue their tour.

At the State dinner in Quebec on Tuesday night, the Princess did not touch the opening course of elaborate hors d'oeuvres.

The majority of the 250 guests, out of courtesy, waited for her. The waiters, anxious to clear the hors d'oeuvre plates away, also looked on.

The Princess was apparently oblivious of the attention being paid to her by everyone else in the room and the hiatus lasted about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, the carefully planned timetable was being upset. Eventually a head waiter reached over and took away the Princess's untouched plate. The effect was electric.

Every other waiter in the room quickly removed the other guests' plates and most of the specially selected hors d'oeuvre went back to the kitchens uneaten.

Observers also noticed that although the Princess accepted wine she never touched it. But she toyed with her wine glass, turning it round and round as she talked to guests.

The City of Ottawa entertained Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh today with a civic luncheon at which no alcoholic drinks were served.

Cocktails were missing from the menu — because Ottawa's Board of Control had decided that no intoxicating drinks should be available at any function at which the City was host.

The Royal couple left laden with gifts for themselves and their children.

The teetotal luncheon was held in the ballroom of the Chateau Laurier Hotel. The guest list of 200 included high-ranking civic officials.

In a brief address, Mayor Whitton—the only woman Mayor of a Canadian city—asked the Royal couple to accept "the warm allegiance of the citizens of Ottawa."

An illuminated scroll bearing the signatures of City Aldermen and Councillors was presented to the Princess and the Duke.

The Duke of Edinburgh heard all about Canada's atomic projects today from 10 Canadian scientists.

The Duke, who is a Fellow of the Royal Society and President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, requested the audience, a Government House spokesman said.

The scientists discussed their country's progress in their own field in a private audience with him.—Reuter.

GAINS LAST WISH

Detroit, Oct. 11.

Mrs Mary Morrison, frail 82-year-old Scot, was today granted her "last wish in life." She will be introduced to Princess Elizabeth on Monday.

Mrs Morrison was raised on the grounds of Glamis Castle, Queen Elizabeth's home, where her husband was game-keeper.

She left the United Kingdom years before the Princess was born.

"It is my last wish in life and my fondest to meet the girl," she said.

Mrs Morrison said that she would show the Princess a letter of regret she received from the Queen when Her Majesty visited Canada in 1939. At that time Mrs Morrison was too ill to attend the reception to the Queen.—United Press.

MOTOR SHIP CAPSIZES

Cocoa, Florida, Oct. 11.

The motor vessel Sam D. carrying guided missile supplies to a base in the Bahamas, capsized and sank, in rough Atlantic waters and, two of the six crewmen aboard were believed lost, the Coast Guard reported today.

Four men, including the master of the ship, Lee Dutton of New Orleans, were rescued after floundering more than 24 hours in shark-infested waters some 200 miles east of Miami. The Sam D, a converted landing craft, was en route from the missile base to Mayaguana Island in the Bahamas, with supplies for an aviation engineer unit which is being set up to aid in tracking guided missiles fired from Cocoa.—United Press.

Treaty Abrogation To Become Law Soon

EGYPT GIVEN WARNINGS

Cairo, Oct. 11.

Egypt is to rush through legislation to abrogate the 1936 treaty with Britain as declared on Monday, Abrahim Farrad Pasha, a member of the Egyptian Cabinet's inner Council said here today.

The legislation will come into force immediately upon its publication in the official journal on the same evening, he added.

Final approval of the draft laws abrogating the treaty and proclaiming King Farouk King of the Sudan was expected to be given by Commissions of the two Houses of Parliament tonight.

Both Houses are expected to vote overwhelmingly for the decrees at sessions next Monday.

Britain and France both told Egypt today that they would hold her responsible for the security of their nationals' lives and property in Egypt.

The British note said, "The British Government learns with regret that the recent announcement by the Egyptian Government regarding Anglo-Egyptian relations have led to anti-British demonstrations in Cairo and Alexandria.

"The British Government takes this opportunity to remind the Egyptian Government that the responsibility for the protection of all British and of other foreign lives and property in Egypt rests with the Egyptian Government.

"The British Government looks to the Egyptian Government to take any measures which may be necessary to prevent mob violence or acts of terror directed against British nationals or property in Egypt and will hold them responsible for any damage or loss of life which may occur as a result of their failure to take adequate measures in this respect."

France also sent a note of warning.

Meantime, in Khartoum, the Sudan's largest political group, the Umma Party, said that it had decided to declare the Sudan an independent sovereign state as soon as the Egyptian Parliament had passed the decrees abrogating the 1936 treaty and the related 1899 Condominium agreement giving Egypt and Britain joint control over the Sudan.

INSULT TO SUDAN

In a telegram to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, and to the United Nations, the Party declared:

"Egypt's efforts to impose on the Sudan the Egyptian crown and grant it a constitution without consulting the Sudan is the greatest insult Egypt has ever directed toward the Sudan."

The Sudanese would use all means "to resist the move," the Party said.

"We take the opportunity of Egypt's move to declare to the world at large that we have regained our sovereignty," the Umma telegram said.

The Party would accept nothing short of an independent Sudanese government, the cable added.

Nahas Pasha today submitted his "profound thanks" to King Farouk "for having graciously approved the decrees whereby the country had rid itself of every restriction on its sovereignty," a Court circular said.

The Wafdist Government Party newspaper Al Misri reported that Egypt was considering a Royal decree to dismiss the Sudan Governor-General since abrogation of the Condominium agreement would automatically abolish the post.

The Governor-General was appointed by an Egyptian Royal decree on the recommendation of the British Government, the newspaper said.

"His dismissal would, therefore, also be by Egyptian Royal decree," the newspaper added.

DEMONSTRATIONS

The Police commandant of Alexandria, has asked the Egyptian Ministry of the Interior for Police reinforcements to help maintain public security on October 16 when demonstrations are expected to mark the annual treaty abrogation.

Large groups of student demonstrators today paraded the streets of Alexandria, carrying [illegible]

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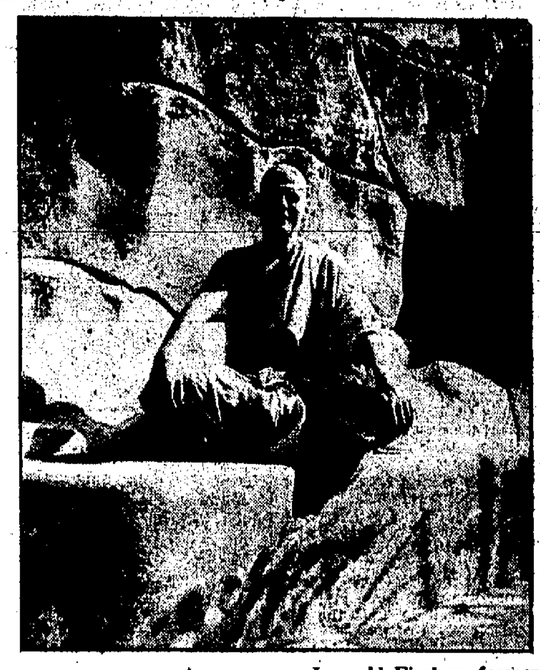

Leopold Fischer, former Lieutenant in Hitler's SS troops, poses in his new role as "Swami Agehananda" — which translated means "Saint Homeless Bliss" — in a cave near Birla Temple, famed centre of Hindu worship in New Delhi. The 28-year-old holy man was at one time held in solitary confinement in the Old Bailey police court for alleged complicity in a factory-bombing outrage in 1943. — AP Picture.

US To Share Some Atomic Secrets

Washington, Oct. 11.

The Senate voted unanimously today to share some of America's atomic secrets with friendly nations.

It passed a bill which would permit the United States — under carefully prescribed conditions — to exchange information about atomic developments outside the field of military weapons. The measure now goes to the House. There is widespread government support for a slight relaxation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, with its rigid secrecy clauses.

Those who favour this policy believe substantial benefits may accrue to the United States through a limited exchange of scientific information with such countries as Great Britain, Canada, France and Norway.

As the bill passed its first legislative test, Senator John Lodge, Massachusetts Republican, added his voice to those demanding atomic warfare in Korea.

If the United States has any tactical weapons available, he told the Senate, they should be used now against Communist troops and supplies in the field in North Korea. He explained he meant artillery shells or relatively small bombs that could be delivered by aircraft.

Other members of Congress have called previously for the use of atomic weapons in Korea. Earlier this week the US High Command was reported reliably to have decided that the time was not yet ripe.

ENDORSEMENT

The bill to share some non-weapons atomic data with Allied countries was introduced in the Senate with the support of Senator Brien McMahon, Connecticut Democrat, and all 17 other members of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy.

Mr McMahon said it had "the vigorous and wholehearted" endorsement of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as well as General Omar N. Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, and Secretary of Defence, Robert A. Lovett.

The House must now pass the bill, and President Harry Truman sign it, before it can become law. It would be the first important modification of the Atomic Energy Act.

Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, of Iowa, senior Republican member of the Joint Congressional Committee, said he felt "substantial" benefits could come to the nation's atomic energy programme through an exchange of information.

Neither he nor Mr McMahon disclosed whether this country needs specific help from a foreign nation in solving an atomic problem.

The bill would permit the exchange of information on refining, purification and subsequent treatment of source materials; reactor development; production of fissionable materials, and research and development "relating to the foregoing."—Associated Press.

The Latest Election Polls

London, Oct. 11.

In the latest general election polls, the Daily Express showed 51 per cent of the voters favoured the Conservatives, while the News Chronicle gave the Tories a seven-point lead, with Labour creeping up.

The Gallup Poll hit the 1950 election on the nose.

Since the campaign has started the Conservative lead has dropped. In early September the Tories were out in front by 13 per cent.

According to the Daily Express the Labourites were nine points behind the Conservatives last week, polling 42 per cent. This compared with the eight-point difference shown in the newspaper's poll for the previous week.—United Press.

WOMAN'S PIPE CAUSED FIRE

Syracuse, New York, Oct. 11.

An 80-year-old woman's pipe was blamed today for causing a fire in a two-storey house.

District Fire Chief Burton Wright said that Miss Bessie Wesington placed her overheated pipe in a bureau drawer after she finished smoking and apparently it ignited papers.—United Press.

Command For Mountbatten

London, Oct. 11.

Vice-Admiral Earl Mountbatten, cousin of the King, is to be British Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean in succession to Admiral Sir John Edelsten from next May, it was announced tonight.

Earl Mountbatten, 51, last Viceroy and first Governor-General of India and the wartime Supreme Commander of South-East Asia, is at present Fourth Sea Lord, in charge of Admiralty supplies.

His place as Fourth Sea Lord is to be taken by Rear-Admiral Sydney M. Raw, the present Flag Officer, Submarines.

No new appointment has yet been announced for Sir John Edelsten.

Earl Mountbatten, who is an uncle of the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Elizabeth's husband, is a great grandson of Queen Victoria.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Water Restrictions

THAT Government finds itself impelled to introduce new and more rigorous water restrictions at a time when Royal Observatory figures show that rainfall for the year has been nine inches above average is a grim reminder of the inadequacy of the Colony's facilities for catching and storing fresh water. The official explanation is that because of Hongkong's inflated population, daily consumption considerably exceeds storage capacity. Nevertheless, there is some truth in the accusation that the Authorities have not tackled the water problem during the past five years with the necessary vigour. Had the modified Tai Lam Chung Valley scheme been conceived and put in hand three or four years ago (when the population had already increased beyond pre-war levels) the Colony would not be facing such anxieties and inconveniences connected with its present and future water supplies. We are, in fact, back to conditions which prevailed before the construction of the Jubilee Reservoir and Shing Mun Dam when severe water rationing was the rule. The new cuts introduced today are also a warning that before we start next year's rainy season, further restrictions may become necessary. The Colony cannot normally expect any substantial rainfall between now and next March, hence conservation of existing supplies becomes a No. 1 problem for the Water Authority. Domestic supplies are now to be spread over nine and a half hours a day, which service may very well be reduced to seven hours between now and the New Year. Recriminations for the fact that the Colony's water supply is in such a parlous condition immediately after an above-average wet summer serve no useful purpose, though Government is expected to realise how urgent has become the Tai Lam Chung reservoir scheme, and to see that work on it is put in hand in the speediest possible manner. Meantime it is imperative that the populace practise frugality in the use of domestic water. Here again a difficulty presents itself. The average Chinese servant, conscious that tap water will be unavailable between certain hours of the day and night, is inclined immediately to draw off substantial supplies, much of which becomes wasted. Bathtubs are filled to the brim and only a small proportion of the water used during the periods that taps are dry. The rest goes down the drain, discarded as unwanted. The effect is to neutralise to some degree the prime purpose of stricter water rationing. It would seem the need exists for direct appeals to be made to the public in general, and domestic servants in particular, to take simple but essential precautions against water wastage. Possibly the most effective method would be a short, but intensive campaign by Government in which it reached the masses through a mobile public address set. The advantage of this type of campaign is that the attention of large sections of the population can be secured easily and quickly on both sides of the harbour. In an appeal of this nature the spoken word is more likely to produce results than published slogans and admonitions. A second point arises from the introduction of new water rationing hours. It has been considered fit to operate them from 7 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 4.30 to 8.30 p.m. We doubt, very much, the advisability of these times. Substantial numbers of labourers, who work a considerable distance from their homes, are required to rise before 7 o'clock in the morning. They should be considered. Much less inconvenience would be caused if tap water were available in the morning from 6.30 to noon. Nor is there any obvious reason why it has been decided to give a water supply from 4.30 in the afternoon to 8.30 at night. More suitable, and more generally beneficial hours would be from 5 to 9. In general interests Government should consider revision of the new hours for water supply.

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MORRISON BLAMES TORIES

London, Oct. 11.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, tonight blamed Conservative declarations that Britain was weak as probably precipitating Egypt's "unwise move" to break the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

In an election speech to his constituents at Lewisham, South London, he accused Mr Winston Churchill and other Conservatives of "dragging foreign affairs into the election in a way calculated to weaken British prestige and authority."

The Government's attitude on Egypt and the Sudan had been frankly and clearly stated, he said.

"What we and our friends are seeking to do is to set up a joint form of organisation for the defence of the Middle East in which Egypt will have a proper dignified place in the partnership.

"I trust that when our proposals are unfolded they will be considered on their merits."

On Persia, he said, "Our biggest difficulty in Persia has been the fact that we have been seeking to negotiate with a Government which appears to be indifferent to the welfare of its own country—a situation which is bound to cramp anybody's style."

The Conservatives had caused the electorate to feel that their real complaint about the Labour Government was that it did not resort to force and become involved in all the incalculable risks of war.

"After all if the world is persistently told that Britain is counted out who can blame some wishful thinkers in the Middle East from taking it seriously?" Mr Morrison said.—Reuter.

Casey To Head Delegation

Canberra, Oct. 11.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert G. Menzies, announced tonight that the Minister of External Affairs, Mr R. G. Casey, will lead the Australian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly meeting in Paris on November 6.

He said that Mr Casey would make short halts at Rangoon, Delhi, Karachi, Cairo and Rome on his way to Paris. Mr Casey would attend only the opening meetings of the Assembly and would then return to Australia.—Reuter.

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S.H.A.P.E.'s New Banner

A new flag, partly designed by General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Europe, was hoisted over S.H.A.P.E. headquarters near Paris last week. It is a green banner bearing the words in gold "Vigilia pretium libertatis" (Vigilance is the price of liberty). "Ike" is seen here admiring the banner. — AP Picture.

Special Leave For Peron

Buenos Aires, Oct. 12.

The Chamber of Deputies tonight voted to give President Peron leave of absence until April 30 for any purpose the President wished.

The vote was 82-0. The chamber had convened in a special session at 4.20 p.m. to consider General Peron's plea for presidential leave of absence over a period during which the November elections would be held. Eighty deputies were present, thus permitting a quorum.

Dr Angel Asquia, president of the Peronista Parliamentary bloc, who was the first speaker, said President Peron's example of yielding power to someone else during the elections was unique in history.

The Peronist newspaper La Epoca, only afternoon paper to carry the report of Peron's "unconditional leave", said: "After prolonged deliberation, it was announced that the (Peronist Parliamentary) bloc had agreed to accede to the wishes of the President of the Republic, granting him an unconditional leave until April 30. In consequence, the Peronist bloc will back up this decision in this afternoon's session." — United Press.

Support In Iraq For Egypt's Abrogation Of Pact With Britain

Bagdad, Oct. 11.

The Iraqi Press and political parties today supported Egypt's move to abrogate the Anglo-Egyptian treaty. All agreed that "Egypt was right in abrogating the treaty and ending foreign domination both in Egypt and the Sudan."

The daily Al Akhbar (Independent), wrote: "Egypt made a deep impression on the Arab world when she abrogated her treaty with Britain. It is a great honour. Egypt leads the Arab movement for independence at this critical time.

"The man-in-the-street cannot see why foreign troops should be in his country during peace.

"The British should know this from their experience in India. They did not get out until Indian resentment reached a peak."

The daily Al Jabhat al Shabitahi, organ of the Popular Front, wrote, "Egypt has finally broken the bonds which shackled her and gone forward to a fabulous future.

"Independence was never achieved with negotiation or freedom with exchange of memoranda.

"Abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, which gave Britain the upper hand and was a heavy burden on Egypt's Government and people, is regarded as the first practicable step of the uprising of the Arabs against imperialism.

"Egypt's action harmonises with her needs. It will relieve her of the pressure of foreign troops.

"The shadows of imperialism have receded from another area of the Middle East. It was thrown out of Persia and is now being choked in Egypt."—Reuter.

WORLD INTEREST

London, Oct. 11.

Newspapers in many parts of the world for the third consecutive day gave space today to reports and comment on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty dispute.

Diplomats, political spokesmen and observers in many capitals were officially silent; but unofficially they discussed the situation—in most cases with the Suez Canal and its use by their countries uppermost in their minds.

Britain's treaty dispute with Egypt has opened a new chapter of disasters for the "ex-Empire", the Spanish Falange newspaper Arriba said today.

Another Spanish newspaper, the monarchist ABC, discussed the value of Gibraltar to Britain and said that Spain's neutrality had saved the fortifications on "The Rock" from being tested in the last war.

The commentator added, "Disasters which overtook other famous fortresses during World War II do not suggest that Gibraltar, under present conditions, could resist a siege as it did in the 18th century."

In America the Washington Post said that Egypt's demand for the removal of British troops was a "show-piece for domestic consumption". By challenging Britain the ruling WAFD party had achieved a local success at no cost, the newspaper added in a leading article.

MUST STAND FIRM

"Whereas in Iran every circumstance militated against British action, in Egypt the Britain have the power, the responsibility and the right to keep the situation firmly under control," the Washington Post declared.

The Suez Canal was a world interest and this must be the governing consideration in any fresh scheme for protecting it.

The Union of South Africa is committed to help in the defence of Africa against Communist aggression. Observers in Johannesburg said that until and unless some other arrangements can be made the Union's best bases for such operations would be in Egypt.

The independent newspaper Natal Witness said, "There is nothing for Britain to do but to stand firm in Egypt and press the United States for fullest support.

"Any further weakening in this area would so obviously be disastrous to British influence and power that it is hard to imagine that even Herbert Morrison will dare to surrender."

The Durban newspaper, Daily News, said, "Here is a clear-cut case of unilateral breach of a treaty which involves South African interests in Africa.

"Now is the time for South Africa to take her stand with Britain and France in making it quite clear that Egypt's action cannot be tolerated, destructive as it is of the whole framework of Middle East and African defence."

CANBERRA ATTITUDE

In Australia, the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, called a Cabinet meeting for tomorrow morning to give his Ministers a report on the Egyptian situation.

He said at a Press conference that the Government had received a mass of information on the dispute from Britain.

An authoritative source in Canberra believed that in an emergency the Australian Government would consider sending armed forces to help in the proposed Middle East defence organisation.

The Sydney Morning Herald said, "Even a token contingent of battalion strength with the addition, if possible, of a Royal Australian Air Force squadron, would be an earnest sign to wavering Arab States that Britain does not stand alone."

In Pakistan the pro-Government newspaper Dawn declared that the country would support Egypt in the dispute if it came before the United Nations.

"That our sympathies are with our Egyptian brethren goes without saying," the newspaper added.

But it said that the Egyptian Government had not yet spoken in support of Pakistan in her Kashmir dispute with India.

Dawn said that British diplomacy had failed in Egypt and Persia because of "bankruptcy of statesmanship."

British statesmen had betrayed a narrowness of outlook and a niggardly spirit where a generous approach and an appreciation of realities might have averted a crisis.—Reuter.

BAN BY CAIRO

Cairo, Oct. 11.

Fuad Serag el Din Pasha, Minister of the Interior, tonight banned demonstrations throughout Egypt as from tomorrow.—Reuter.

Carmen Proves Unpopular

Stockholm, Oct. 11.

Posters worded "Dear" to Franco" and "We do not appreciate his daughter either," were stuck up on the fencing and in the bushes around the Spanish Embassy here early this morning.

The posters' appearance coincides with the visit here of General Franco's daughter, Carmen, and her husband, Dr Cristobal Martinez y Bordiun, the Marquess of Villaverde.—Reuter.

HE LOVED EMPIRE

Ex-Mayor's Fund To Aid Emigrants

London, Oct. 11.

Men and women from Hastings who wish to emigrate to Commonwealth countries are eligible for free passages and assistance grants under the will of a man who died 24 years ago.

Alderman Ben Harry Went Tree, four times Mayor of Hastings, who died in January 1927, aged 82, had a great affection for the British Empire and all its associations.

His will laid it down that any Hastings persons who lived in the town in or before 1880, or any descendants, could claim a substantial grant to help them emigrate to any of the Dominions.

The late alderman's legal representatives said that the trustees of the bequest were now inviting applications from intending emigrants.

Years of litigation had delayed the scheme, he said, but ample funds were available.

Twelve applications have already been received.—London Express Service.

Small Nations Hard Hit By New Tariffs

Bonn, Oct. 11.

West Germany's small neighbours, including Switzerland and Belgium, are complaining about duty increases under the new West German tariff system which was introduced on October 1.

Swiss, Belgian, Danish and Dutch firms have seen the duty on certain exports to West Germany increased two, three or even six-fold. They hope that the duties on certain exports will be reduced as a result of the present talks at Geneva between GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) member countries on the subject of disparities in international tariffs.

A Belgian Embassy official said that Belgian textiles were particularly hit. The duty on socks worked out at about six times more than before. Other exports, such as chemical products, were now subject to duty and had been free before.

A Danish Embassy official hoped that West Germany would be forced by public opinion at home to reduce duties, as the higher tariffs would mean higher prices in the shops.

The Dutch are taking a more long-term view of the difficulties. Much of their agricultural products to West Germany are out of season, eggs and tomatoes, for example, so they can afford to await developments.

The West German answer is that the new tariff system was negotiated at Torquay and other countries had ample time to put forward complaints there.

The Bonn Finance Ministry had only a few specific complaints from abroad, an official said.—Reuter.

Ministers Discuss Shortages

London, Oct. 11.

Ministers today discussed the supply problems of strategic and other vital raw materials with particular emphasis on iron ore, according to a usually reliable source.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, presided at the meeting. It was attended by Ministers directly concerned with raw materials and oil supply questions—Mr Richard Stokes, the Lord Privy Seal and Minister of Raw Materials, Mr Philip Noel-Baker, Minister for Fuel and Power, Mr George Strauss, Minister of Supply, and Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr Martin Flett, a Treasury official who went to Teheran with the Stokes ministerial mission, also attended.

They were understood to have discussed the new British resolution to the Security Council on the oil dispute and the possibility of a resumption of negotiations with the Persian Government.

The Ministers were also understood to have considered the general fuel situation resulting from the closure of the Abadan refinery.—Reuter.

Rivers At New Low

Tokyo, Oct. 11.

The water level of rivers throughout Japan hit a new low this month in 13 years, the Japanese authorities announced today. The level was reported to be averaging about 60 per cent of the normal year's level.—Reuter.

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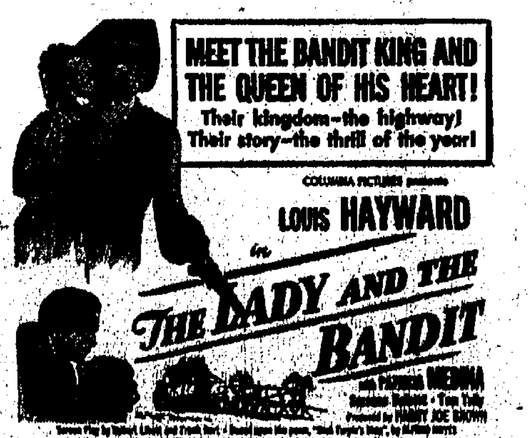

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Sir Stafford Comes Home

Sir Stafford Cripps, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, seen on arrival at London Airport last week from Switzerland with Lady Cripps. Sir Stafford had spent nearly a year under treatment for a tubercular infection of the spine. — AP Picture.

BONN SAYS "NO" TO E. GERMANY

Bonn, Oct. 11.

The All-German Affairs Committee of the West German Parliament today rejected the Communist call from East Germany to stop conversations with the Allies on dissolving the Occupation Statute.

The Communists wanted this done as a prelude to unity talks.

The Committee further criticised the speech yesterday of Herr Otto Grotewohl, the East German Premier, accusing him of playing for time.

The Committee said that Herr Grotewohl's suggestion that the first step should be not all-German elections but all-German consultations leading to the elections was delaying tactics.

The Committee regretted that East German spokesman had rejected the Bundestag's proposal for test elections first in all sectors of Berlin.

The Committee discussed the West German Government's rules and conditions for a free general election in all four zones of Berlin. The Bundestag will discuss these conditions in the next few days.

The West Federal Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, is expected to tell Parliament of his meeting with the High Commission last week, at which he asked it to request the United Nations to supervise all-German elections.—Reuter.

BIOLOGICAL WAR FEAR

Chicago, Oct. 11.

The Federal Government has set up an epidemic intelligence service to spot and fight possible enemy biological attacks, the United States Public Health Officer says.

Mr Joseph Mountin, Assistant Surgeon-General, said that the service is designed to facilitate accurate and speedy reporting of all disease outbreaks.

He told the 58th annual convention of the Association of Military Surgeons yesterday that the intelligence service investigates all epidemic threats to see if they are naturally occurring or artificially induced. The service was set up after months of planning by staffs of communicable disease centres.—United Press.

U.S. Grant To Vietnam

Saigon, Oct. 11.

The United States has allocated the Vietnam State Government five million piastres from Marshall Plan funds to finance the building of a handicraft and small industries centre.

Mr Robert Blum, head of the United States economic aid mission in Indo-China, who made the announcement, said that the construction of the centre, already begun at Hadong, six miles southwest of Tonkin, will be completed about July, 1952.

The centre will include textile, weaving, blacksmiths, tinsmiths, wicker and lace embroidery workshops.—Reuter.

Communist Defections In Italy

Rome, Oct. 11.

Fifty-one members of the Italian Communist Party have joined the Christian Democrats, a spokesman of the Italian Premier, Signor Alcide de Gasperi's, party said here today.

He added that the defections occurred in the past week at the village of Poggio Orsini, near Bari, in the south.

The Communists have gained a strong foothold in the agricultural south by promising land to the poverty-stricken landless farm workers and sharecroppers.

Many peasants are illiterate and know nothing about the political side of Communism. All they know is that if they get their own plot of land they will have steady work, which will lift them out of their centuries-old misery.

Many observers believe that the Christian Democrat Government's vast land reform, begun a year ago, has drawn followers away from the Communist Party in Calabria, the only area where land stripped from large estates has already been distributed to landless workers.

In the Bari area of Puglia, the Government has expropriated some tracts of land but not yet given it to the peasants.—Reuter.

Strong Quake In Pacific

Cleveland, Oct. 11.

John Carroll University registered a strong, two-hour earthquake at 1.56:58 a.m. GMT today (10.56:58 a.m. HK Summer Time Wednesday) about 8,200 miles from Cleveland, believed to be in the South Pacific but direction undetermined.

At Fordham University in New York, seismologist Father Joseph Lynch said the quake was recorded at 1.58:40 about 8,400 miles away, either in India or the Pacific.—Associated Press.

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LABOUR UNREST FEARED BY YOSHIDA GOVT

One Of Biggest Problems Facing Japanese Regime

Tokyo, Oct. 12.

Plans to combat possible labour unrest are high on the list of policies which Japan is working out in preparation for her complete independence, according to authoritative Japanese Government sources here.

From the attention given to it, the post-treaty problem of relations between the Government and labour appears to be assuming proportions at least equal in size to independent Japan's other big problems.

The Government is reported to be planning to use the National Police Reserve, the 75,000-man creation of the Occupation, to deal with any repeated threat of large-scale labour trouble.

Policemen, it is stated in usually well-informed circles here, are to operate communications and keep essential services running if labour attempts to use its latent power.

Before such drastic measures become necessary, however, the Government hopes to take some of the sting out of agitation in the unions by shutting out all Communist influence.

The Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, who signed the treaty at San Francisco, is understood to be interested in the idea of banning the Communist Party completely.

Action so far has been directed towards making the party impotent. Most of its leaders have been arrested and nearly all its publications banned. Those of its leaders who escaped arrest have gone underground or escaped to Communist China.

In taking these steps, the Government has followed the lead established in June, 1950, when General Douglas MacArthur first ordered strong action against the Communist Party.

PRECARIOUS ECONOMY

The Government is considering asking the Diet to prohibit general strikes by law.

Its preparations for dealing with any labour threat will probably include legal cover for taking control in any emergency of communications, transport, the Press and the radio systems.

Labour unrest is anticipated here unless the Government, already assuming independence, can formulate effective policies to meet expected economic troubles.

Japan's future economy is precariously dependent on her ability to export, to earn currencies for buying the food and materials which she lacks from home sources.

Any sudden disturbance of her present situation, by no means strong, could bring hardship to Japan's overcrowded population, which is already living on a low standard.

NO CONTROLS

The Japanese Government, both before and after San Francisco, was reported to be planning an economic policy which somehow never seemed to get too closely defined.

The situation is similar to that of Britain, with a people unable to feed themselves from their own resources. But there is no evident desire among Japanese leaders to follow British policies and there is no sign of controls such as Britain has adopted, or of tight economic planning.

After months of discussion, all that can be said of the economic policy of the Yoshida Government is that it aims at a balanced budget, the prevention of inflation and the stabilisation of commodity prices.

How these aims are to be achieved is not stated.

One indication of the post-treaty thinking in Japan is the seemingly strong trend of opinion in favour of diluting some of the reforms initiated under the Occupation.

The Prime Minister, Mr Yoshida, is reported to be considering a revision of the electoral system to bring in more small electorates. By producing more candidates from areas which provided his election majorities, the new system would increase the Liberal (governing) Party's power.

CIVIC CODE

Strong opposition to this move is expected from Opposition parties. Even members of Mr Yoshida's own party are believed to be doubtful of its advisability.

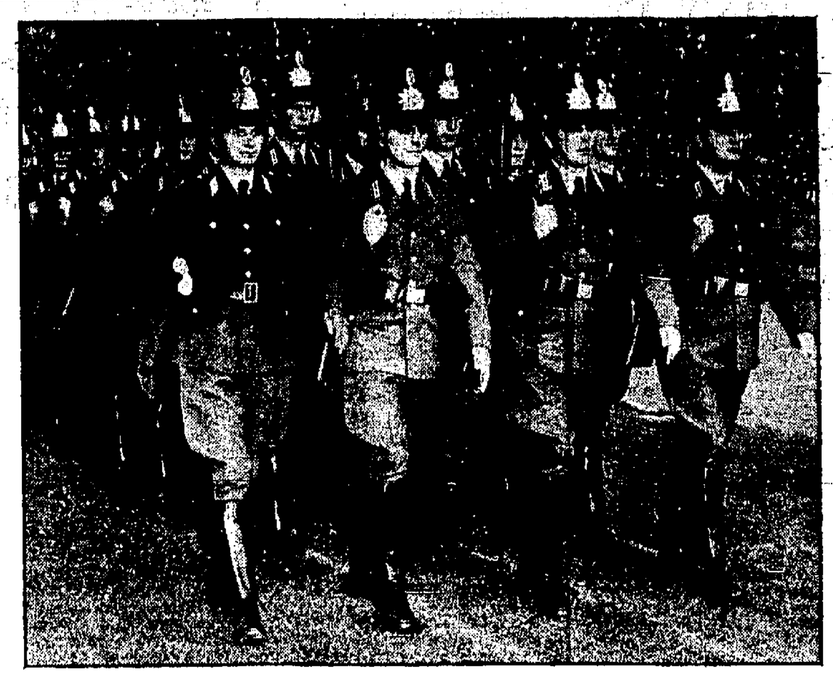
Some Liberal Party leaders are also reported to be considering a revision of the civil code which, after the war, gave the franchise and equal family rights to women.

A revision of the code, it is stated here, would be aimed at strengthening the family system, in which all laws apart, full authority is vested in the head of the family, with all the other members of the family bound to give him complete allegiance throughout their lives.

But any action of this sort is for the future. It is still uncertain how far Japan will go as she begins again to feel the freedom of independence.

The fact that such policies are being considered, however, suggests to observers here that in many respects the end of the six-year Occupation may find Japan little changed.—Reuter.

New West Berlin Police Put On First Parade



The first of the new West Berlin "alert" police units marches into the Olympic Stadium on their first public appearance. Their uniform is blue-grey material, with a black shako, and they are carrying English-made rifles. — AP Picture.

"Perfect Marriage" Ending?

New York, Oct. 11.

Showman Billy Rose said through his attorney today that if his swimming star wife, Eleanor Holm, wanted to leave him, "I stand ready to make adequate provision for her."

Rose's attorney, Arthur Garfield Hays, confirmed reports that the 12-year marriage of the bantam-sized millionaire and his beautiful wife was about to land in court. At the same time, Hays attacked recent publicity about the marital rift, including reports that the statuesque Eleanor, accompanied by four detectives, had raided the showman's apartment at the Ziegfeld Theatre.

"The stories which have been spoon-fed to certain newspapers are undoubtedly intended for coercion and as a prelude to huge monetary demands," said Hays. "Neither Mr Rose nor I intend to indulge in this kind of mud-slinging."

Mrs Rose's attorney, Louis Nizer, was not specific, but indirectly confirmed that the former swimming lovely was ready to end what Broadwayites had termed the "perfect marriage."

Nizer said: "I can't talk about it. The legal situation requires it. I don't usually do this through the newspaper."—United Press.

Himalaya Areas First To Vote In Elections

New Delhi, Oct. 11.

Indians in the remote areas of the Himalayas, which early become snow-bound, will this month start three months' polling in India's first general elections as an independent country.

The bulk of the 175 million electorate — the biggest number of voters in world history — will cast their votes in early January, when election fever will be at its height.

But several States, for reasons of weather, crops or local religious festivals, will go to the polls much earlier, starting on October 25, with two mountainous sub-districts of Himachal Pradesh (the former Punjab and Simla hill states).

By February, results will be complete, and the newly-elected members will be ready to take their seats in May, at the opening session of the new "House of the People" in New Delhi.

It will be the first Parliament in India ever to be elected on the basis of full adult franchise.

The Indian electorate will be asked to vote not only for the Central Parliament but also for Legislative Assemblies in 22 of the 28 States which make up the Indian Union.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir will already have held its Constituent Assembly elections separately. The remaining five States — Kutch, Manipur and Tripura, on the Burmese frontier, Bilaspur and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands — will continue to be governed from the centre.

NEW PRESIDENT

Altogether a total of about 4,100 seats will have to be filled. Of these, 499 are for the lower Chamber of the Central Parliament, the House of the People, and the remainder for the local State legislatures.

As soon as the local legislatures meet, they will also elect as State representatives the 216 members of the Upper House of the Central Parliament, the Council of States, which will be equivalent to the Senate in the United States and similar to the House of Lords in Britain.

At the same time, an electoral college, formed by all members of the Central Parliament and of the State Legislative Assemblies will choose the new President of the Republic to succeed the present 67-year-old President, Dr Rajendra Prasad.

Both the House of the People and the President are elected for a five-year term, while in the Council of State one-third of the members retire every two years.

India's present provisional Parliament, which grew out of the Constituent Assembly when the Constitution came into force last year, will probably break up this month, after enacting interim legislation to tide the country over until the new Parliament meets.—Reuter.

Russia Aiming At The Moon

Moscow, Oct. 11.

A Soviet design for a space ship to fly to the moon was described in an article on jet engines in the Red Fleet newspaper today.

The writer, V. Abiant, said that the design was for a 1,000-ton rocket, 60 metres long and 15 metres in diameter, and powered with 20 liquid jet engines with a total of 350 million horse-power. The lunar rocket indicated was still in the project stage, he said.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia Gets Loan From Bank

Washington, Oct. 11.

The International Bank today granted Yugoslavia a $28,000,000 loan to help it carry out an economic development programme.

The Bank said that the loan, in non-dollar currency, should improve the country's balance of payments position by as much as $60,000,000 a year. The 25-year credit granted after difficult negotiations spanning two years, is the largest non-dollar loan ever granted by the Bank.

A major factor in the decision to grant the loan, according to Bank officials, was Yugoslavia's decision to move away from a strictly-regimented economy toward some of the principles of free enterprise.

The Bank also announced a loan of $10,000,000 to help in the development of Southern Italy.

This was the first loan by the Bank to Italy.

The borrower was a Government agency charged with administering the 10-year plan for the economic and social advancement of Southern Italy.

The loan was guaranteed by the Italian Government.—United Press and Reuter.

FORRESTAL DIARY REVELATION

Washington, Oct. 11.

President Truman retained personal control of the atom bomb because he did not want "some dashing Lieutenant-Colonel" to decide when it should be dropped, according to the diaries of the late Mr James Forrestal, the first Secretary of Defence.

The late Mr Forrestal took his own life by leaping from a window of Bethesda Hospital in May, 1949. Aged 57, he had been under treatment for "nervous exhaustion."

According to the diaries just published here, on March 12, 1948, Mr Forrestal told the President that the Joint Chiefs of Staff considered that completed atom bombs should be delivered to the military.

In the following September he told the President he still believed that the physical custody of the bombs should be with the armed services.

About two weeks later at a White House meeting, the National Military Establishment (which became the Defence Department) presented a formal request for a presidential order taking custody of the bomb from the Atomic Energy Commission and delivering it to the military.

But the President decided to shoulder the responsibility himself.

Throughout most of the diaries, Mr Forrestal stressed his opposition to any American Government support of the plan to create a separate Palestine State. He was especially anxious that this question should not become a domestic issue between America's main political parties.

Mr Forrestal also expressed anxiety throughout much of the diaries over the possible closing of Middle East oil sources to the United States.—Reuter.

SIGNING OF PROTOCOL

London, Oct. 11.

The Atlantic Pact Council of Deputies has postponed the signing of the Protocol recording the decision to admit Greece and Turkey as members, a usually reliable source said here today.

The deputies, who were to have signed this week, will not now do so until their London meeting next Tuesday.

They had failed at yesterday's session to complete discussion on what form the protocol, resulting from the Ministerial conference in Ottawa, should take.

After the protocol has been signed it will be up to national parliaments to ratify the agreement to the Atlantic Treaty admitting Greece and Turkey to the organisation.—Reuter.

Acheson Plea To Congress

Washington, Oct. 11.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told Congress today that further cuts in foreign aid would endanger the mutual security programme. He testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee while the House took up the $7,462,527,780 foreign aid money bill with the Republicans demanding that it be cut drastically.

Mr Acheson pleaded with the Committee to approve the entire $7,483,400,000 authorised by the bill which Mr Truman signed yesterday. It would be serious to cut military funds but it would really hurt to reduce economic assistance. Cuts in economic aid would undermine the Europe build-up achieved by the Marshall Plan, European nations in the mutual security programme were unwilling and unable to carry a greater rearmament burden at this time.

It would be economically impossible without reductions in living standards more drastic than those countries could bear, without renewing the economic frustration which the Marshall Plan cured, the Secretary added.—United Press.

Jap Diplomatic Missions

Tokyo, Oct. 11.

The Japanese Foreign Office plans to send abroad 380 diplomatic personnel—about one-third of the pre-war figure—sources close to the Government told Reuter today.

The number of Embassies, Legations and Consulates will be close to the pre-war 92.

Japan plans to open Embassies in the United States, Britain, Australia, France, Belgium, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, India, Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Burma, the Philippines, Korea and the Netherlands.—Reuter.

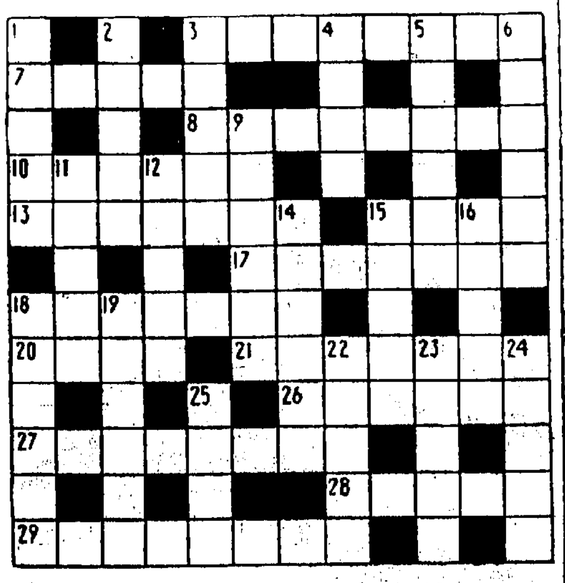
Three Wise Men To Start Work

Paris, Oct. 11.

The 12-nation Armament Co-Ordinating Committee of NATO today adopted the detailed work plan to tackle the co-ordinated Atlantic rearmament programme which is to take into account the economic capabilities of each member country.

The Committee appointed a three-member executive bureau which is starting immediately on the preparatory work. It consists of the "Three Wise Men"—Mr Averell Harriman (United States), Mr Hugh Gaitskell (Britain) and M. Jean Monnet (France).—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Dirty (8).
7 French city (5).
8 Annoy (8).
10 Elaborately abordned (6).
13 See (7).
15 Defunct (4).
17 Skilled persons (7).
18 Remote (7).
20 Lazy (4).
21 Torture (7).
26 Exile (6).
27 Boldness (6).
28 Ward off (5).
29 Final (3).

DOWN

1 Clutch (5).
2 Fertiliser (5).
3 Join (5).
4 Dry (4).
5 Dive (6).
6 Fears (6).
9 Take ill (6).
11 Stiff (5).
12 Sharp (5).
14 Obtain by threat (6).
15 Judges (5).
16 Make reparation (5).
18 Swell (6).
19 Hammer (6).
22 Regal (5).
23 Anaesthetic (5).
24 Commonplace (5).
25 Caledonian (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Repair, 5 Reams, 9 Risen, 9 Tuning, 10 Gains, 11 Serum, 12 Acid, 13 Legal, 16 Regale, 19 Leader, 20 Stern, 22 Pert, 23 Asked, 25 Vista, 26 Retain, 27 Obtain, 28 Stark, 29 Legend. Down: 1 Retreats, 2 Partake, 3 Lair, 4 Ripened, 5 Regular, 6 Enamel, 7 Manila, 14 Gladstone, 15 Lancaster, 17 Leopard, 18 Orators, 21 Twine, 24 Dune.

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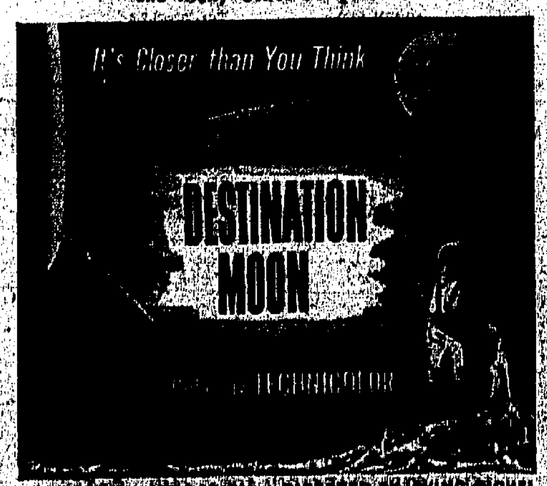

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R. M. MacColl's American Column

Dixie is a boom

NEW YORK.

GALLANT last stands, tattered Confederate flags going down in glorious defeat, and the band playing "Dixie" . . . this is the picture usually conjured up when America's South is referred to militarily.

But times have changed. The South, which in the past few decades has rapidly overhauled the North in industrial expansion, is becoming America's arsenal.

Ever since the last war the South has been America's first choice field for military research. And now, says the Southern Association of Science and Industry, Government research backed by thousands of millions of dollars is rebuilding the economy of the whole region.

Says its director, McKinley Conway:—

"There is ample evidence that the greatest economic benefit of all lies in the development of new technological skills among the people of the region."

BACK TO WORK like anyone else after their summer holidays come nine important men in Washington. They are the members of the Supreme Court.

Their decisions, always momentous in their impact on American justice, are nowadays with social problems. For over and above matters of straight legal fact they now increasingly find themselves faced with more subtle decisions—things affecting the spirit, such as Communism, and things which can make for a more serene America, such as race relations and rights.

One of the top problems to be disposed of: Should aliens be gaoled without bail during deportation proceedings if the Attorney-General feels they are too dangerous to be left at liberty?

THE NATURAL INSTINCT of Americans is to "junk" (throw away) an article, or "trade it in" for a new one, rather than try to get it repaired. There is a good reason for this. I got an estimate for repairing a chair. Estimate: £17 Cost of a brand new chair: £12.

Accompanied by Mrs Churchill and his youngest daughter, Mary, Mr Churchill left the Clyde in the Queen Mary on Aug. 5, 1943, to attend the Québec conference — "Quadrant." The principal subjects for discussion were the existing Mediterranean campaign, Britain's share in the struggle against Japan, and the cross-Channel design for 1944—"Overlord."

"CLOSING THE RING" — CHAPTER FIVE

PLANNING THE WAR ON THE HIGH SEAS

By Winston Churchill

I HAD reserved the interlude which a five days' voyage presented for the consideration of our long-wrought plans for this supreme operation of crossing the Channel. Study on an ever-expanding scale had gone forward since the struggles on the coasts of Norway and France in 1940, and we had learned much about amphibious war.

The Combined Operations Organisation which I had then set up under my friend Admi. of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes had played an all-important part and created a new technique. In October, 1941, Admi. Keyes was succeeded by Capt. Lord Louis Mountbatten. We were still hard-pressed, and our only ally, Russia, seemed near to defeat. Nevertheless, I had resolved to prepare for an invasion of the Continent when the tide should turn. First we had to increase the intensity and scope of our raids, and then translate all this experience into something much more massive.

When Mountbatten visited me at Chequers before taking up his new duties I told him, according to his account, "You are to plan for the offensive. In your headquarters you will never think defensively." This governed his actions. To provide him with the necessary authority for his task he had been made a member of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, with the acting rank of Vice-Admiral and equivalent honorary rank in the other Services. As Minister of Defence I retained personal responsibility for his headquarters, and thus he reported direct to me whenever necessary.

In May, 1942, a body known as "the Combined Commanders" had been appointed to grip the problem. It included the Commanders-in-Chief at home, Mountbatten, and later Gen. Eisenhower, commanding the United States forces in Britain. At the Casablanca Conference in January, 1943, it was decided to set up an Allied Inter-Service Staff under a British officer to prepare a definite plan for "Overlord." This group began its task in London under Lt.-Gen. F.E. Morgan, with the short title of "Cossac" (Chief of Staff Supreme Allied Commander).

The first question was where a landing in force could best be made. There were several options: the Dutch or Belgian coast; the Pas de Calais; between the mouths of the Somme and the Seine; Normandy; Brittany. Each of these had its own advantages and disadvantages, which had to be weighed up under a whole set of different headings and varying, sometimes uncertain, factors.

Of these the principal were beaches, weather and tides; sites for constructing airfields; length of voyage; nearby ports that could be captured; the nature of the hinterland for subsequent operations; provision of cover by home-based aircraft; enemy dispositions, their minefields and defences.

Normandy gave best hope

THE choice easily narrowed to the Pas de Calais or Normandy. The former gave us the shorter sea passage and the best air cover, but here the defences were the most formidable. Gen. Morgan and his advisers recommended the Normandy coast, which from the first had been advocated by Mountbatten. There can be no doubt now that this decision was sound.

Normandy gave us the greatest hope. The defences were not so strong as in the Pas de Calais. The seas and the beaches were on the whole suitable, and were to some extent sheltered from the westerly gales by the Cotentin peninsula. The hinterland favoured the rapid deployment of large forces, and was sufficiently remote from the main strength of the enemy. The port of Cherbourg could be isolated and captured early in the operation. Brest could be outflanked and taken later.

All the coast between Havre and Cherboung was of course defended with concrete forts and pill-boxes, but as there was no harbour capable of sustaining a large army in this 50-mile half-moon of sandy beaches it was thought that the Germans would not assemble large forces in immediate support of the sea-front.

Their High Command had no doubt said to themselves, "This is a good sector for raids up to ten or twenty thousand men, but unless Cherbourg is taken in working order no army in any way equal to the task of an invasion can be landed or nourished. It is a coast for a raid, but not for wider operations." If only there were harbours which could nourish great armies, here was the front on which to strike.

"Mulberry" harbours

OF course, as the reader will have seen, I was well abreast of all the thought about landing-craft and tank landing-craft. I had also long been a partisan of piers with their heads floating out in the sea. Much work had since been done on them following a minute which in the course of our discussions I had issued as long ago as May 30, 1942.

Prime Minister to Chief of Combined Operations.

They must float up and down with the tide. The anchor problem must be mastered. The ships must have a side-flap in them, and a drawbridge long enough to overreach the moorings of the piers. Let me have the best solution worked out. Don't argue the matter. The difficulties will argue for themselves.

Thought moved to the creation of a large area of sheltered water protected by a breakwater based on blockships brought to the scene by their own power and then sunk in a prearranged position. Mountbatten's reports in 1942 concentrated upon this idea, suggested directly by an officer on his staff, Capt. J. Hughes-Hallett.

Imagination, contrivance, and experiment had been ceaseless, and now in August, 1943, there was a complete design for making two full-scale temporary harbours which could be towed and brought into action within a few days of the original landing. These synthetic harbours were called "Mulberries," a code-name which certainly did not reveal their character or purpose.

Whole project was majestic

ONE morning on our voyage, at my request, Brig. K.G. McLean, with two other officers from Gen. Morgan's staff, came to me as I lay in my bed in the spacious cabin, and, after they had set up a large-scale map, explained in a tense and cogent tale the plan which had been prepared for the cross-Channel descent upon France.

Further discussions on succeeding days led into more technical detail. The Channel tides have a play of more than 20 feet, with corresponding scours along the beaches. The weather is always uncertain, and winds and gales may whip up in a few hours irresistible forces against frail human structures. The fools or knaves who had chalked "Second Front-Now" on our walls for the past two years had not had their minds burdened by such problems. I had long pondered upon them.

The whole project was majestic. On the beaches themselves would be the great piers, with their seaward ends afloat and sheltered. At these piers coasters and landing-craft would be able to discharge at all states of the tide. To protect them against the wanton winds and waves breakwaters would be spread in a great arc to seaward, enclosing a large area of sheltered water.

Thus sheltered, deep-draught ships could lie at anchor and discharge, and all types of landing-craft could ply freely to and from the beaches. These breakwaters would be composed of sunken concrete structures known as "Phoenix" and blockships known as "Goosberries."

There would not be room for all the ships we needed. Many would have to discharge outside. To shield these and the very numerous naval vessels engaged an additional scheme of *floating* breakwaters was proposed. For this purpose several devices were being considered, among them one to create a barrier to wave action by means of a continuous screen of air bubbles discharged from pipes laid on the sea-bed. It was hoped this screen would break up and absorb the rhythm of the waves.

Another device

ANOTHER device known as a "Lilo" consisted of partially inflated air bags carrying submerged curtains of concrete. These would be moored in line to seaward of the "Phoenix" and enclose a considerable additional area of water. Neither of these ideas reached fruition, but eventually a device called the "Bombardon" was adopted, embodying some of the features of the "Lilo."

There was another associated problem on which my mind dwelt, namely, the maintenance of fighting air superiority over the battle area. If we could create a floating airfield we could refuel our fighter aircraft within striking distance of the landing points, and thus multiply our airpower on the spot at the decisive moment.

Among the numerous devices discussed during this busy voyage was one called 'Habbakuk." This project was conceived by a Mr Pyke on Mountbatten's staff. His idea was to form a structure of ice, large enough to serve as a runway for aircraft. It would be of ship-like construction, displacing 1m. tons, self-propelled at slow speed, with its own anti-aircraft defence, with workshops and repair facilities, and with a surprisingly small refrigerating plant for preserving its own existence.

It had been found that by adding a proportion of wood pulp in various forms to ordinary sea ice the mixture lost the brittle qualities associated with ice and became extremely tough. This substance, called Pykrete, after its inventor, seemed to offer great possibilities not only for our needs in Northwest Europe, but also elsewhere.

It was found that as the ice melted the fibrous content quickly formed a furry outer surface which acted as an insulator and greatly retarded the melting process. Much development work was eventually done on this idea, particularly in Canada, but for various reasons it never had any success.

Dominating assumptions

THREE dominating assumptions were made both by the framers of the plan and the British Chiefs of Staff. With these I was in entire agreement, and, as will be seen later, they were approved by the Americans and accepted by the Russians.

1. That there must be a substantial reduction in the strength of the German fighter aircraft in Northwest Europe before the assault took place.

2. That there should be not more than 12 mobile German divisions in Northern France at the time the operation was launched, and that it must not be possible for the Germans to build up more than 15 divisions in the succeeding two months.

3. That the problem of beach maintenance of large forces in the tidal waters of the English Channel over a prolonged period must be overcome. To ensure this it was essential that we should be able to construct at least two effective synthetic harbours.

War in the Far East

I ALSO had many discussions with the Chiefs of Staff on our affairs in the Indian and Far Eastern theatres. We had none too good a tale to tell. A division had advanced at the end of 1942 down the Arakan coast of Burma to recapture the port of Akyab. Though strengthened until a complete corps was engaged, under the command of Gen. Irwin, the operation had failed, and our troops were forced back over the Indian frontier.

Although there was much to be said in explanation, I felt that the whole question of the British High Command against Japan must come under review. New methods and new men were needed. I had long felt that it was a bad arrangement for the Commander-in-Chief India to command the operations in Burma in addition to his other far-reaching responsibilities.

It seemed to me that the vigorous prosecution of large-scale operations against the Japanese in Southeast Asia necessitated the creation of a separate Supreme Allied Command. The Chiefs of Staff were in complete agreement, and prepared a memorandum on these lines for discussion with their American colleagues in Quebec.

There remained the question of the commander of this new theatre, and we were in no doubt that he should be British. Of the various names that were put forward, I was sure in my own mind that Admi. Mountbatten had superior qualifications for this great command, and I determined to make this proposal to the President at the first opportunity.

The appointment of an officer of the substantive rank of Captain R. N. to the Supreme Command of one of the main theatres of the war was an unusual step. But, having carefully prepared the ground beforehand, I was not surprised when the President cordially agreed.

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(MORE TOMORROW)

THE HOME-BY-MIDNIGHT PRINCESS

A few tips from Farouk ON HOW TO BEHAVE

PARIS.

VISITING Paris at the moment, and anxiously hoping that her conduct is sufficiently circumspect not to provoke a Royal command to return home, is 28-year-old Princess **FAIZA**, sister of King Farouk of Egypt.

Faiza, a woman of remarkable beauty and vivacity, has been allowed to visit Paris for the first time in five years only after giving a solemn promise to her brother —no nightclubs, no casinos, back to her hotel room, like some modern Cinderella, every night by midnight.

Faiza, chaperoned by her Turkish-born husband, **ALY ROUF BEY**, has been sticking to the letter of her promise, remembering how she was instantly recalled to Cairo in 1946 after newspaper photographs had shown her in a Montmartre nightclub, and the five years of confinement in Cairo which followed.

To friends she says with a wry smile, "At least it gives me a chance to find out whether crinolines are out of fashion."

Paris newsletter by SAM WHITE

All in seven days

GENERAL **FRANCO'S** 22-year-old daughter Carmen and her surgeon husband, the Marquis de **VILLAVERDE**, visiting Paris for the first time, showed an unaffected tourist-like zeal for sight-seeing.

In seven days they visited Versailles, lunched at the Grand Trianon, ascended the Eiffel Tower, toured the Louvre, saw the ballets and ate pressed duck at the Tour d'Argent.

Commented Carmen on the Dior show: "It's so beautiful it's almost a sin."

Her last day she spent shopping, bought her father an inexpensive camera.

Her Spanish good looks and her uninhibited delight with Paris charmed Parisians and earned her the title 'Franco's best ambassador."

They said it

QUOTES of the week: Visiting textile mechanic **HAROLD PLUMMER**, from Monmouthshire: "Compared with Buckingham Palace the guards outside the President's residence are rather slack, to say the least.

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Strip-teaser Gipsy **ROSE LEE** on British audience reaction to her act: "The only way I knew the curtain was up was because I could hear the audience breathing."

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Novelist Andre **MALRAUX** on Churchill, as he appears in General **DE GAULLE'S** memoirs at present being written: "It is a portrait etched in vitriol."

Mr Reiger's steak

AT Orly airfield, near Paris, a 15lb. beefsteak is the centre of a complicated dispute. Involved in the discussion over it are the Paris veterinary service, the international sanitary control and the Customs.

The steak reached Paris during a recent butchers' strike, sent by a Mrs **REIGER**, of Kansas City.

Mrs Reiger read of the strike at home, thought of her possibly starving husband on a business visit to Paris and instantly dispatched the steak by air.

For three days the steak went from office to office, with an occasional spell in a refrigerator, while its fate was debated. Only authorities await a declaration from the New York veterinary authorities that the meat was passed for inspection. If so, Mr Reiger will have to pay duty on it before it is his. Says Mr Reiger: "My one thought now is what I will do with it when it is mine.

The immigrant

NOVELIST Arthur **KOESTLER** was involved in an angry scene at the U.S. Embassy.

Koestler wishes to live permanently in the U.S.A., and applied some time ago for a visa. There was an initial hitch because a special amendment to the recent Immigration Act, barring ex-Communists, had to be passed exempting Koestler from its application. Finally, with the amendment passed, Koestler applied in person for his visa, and was asked to go through the normal procedure of paying an eight dollar head tax with an international money order.

Although it would have taken only three days to obtain such an order, Koestler refused to do this, and instead denounced the "red tape mentality."

He then stamped out angrily without collecting his visa.

Muttered a puzzled official after the scene: "I guess Mr Koestler is temperamental, like all writers, but it sure is a terrible risk we're running. Why, the guy might decide not to come and live with us after all."

Unfair?

JULIET **GRECO**, a singer of slight talent who, with her unkempt appearance and trousered legs, provides some of the necessary "atmosphere" in the jazz dives of St. Germain des Pres, is now suing a critic for libel for having called her eyes "deep but empty."

March of science

BEST news of the week: French telephone operators will soon be replaced by robots.

WOMANSENSE

NEW IDEAS FOR THE SLIM

1. CORSELETTE BODICE—for slim women only—is the distinctive feature of this new autumn model evening frock. The bodice is made of black guipure lace

2. BODICE RUFFLE—of silk chiffon over flame taffeta; the centre bodice is of shot velvet with gold lamé thread.

London Studios' Service

Picture Frames Add Individuality To A Room

By ELEANOR ROSS

THE easiest, nicest and often least expensive way to add beauty, distinction, individuality or colour to a room is through the medium of well-chosen pictures. A beautiful flower painting, a land or seascape — why, many a decorator really builds a room around one of these. Doesn't have to be an original, either, although, if one has a discerning eye, one can frequently pick up fine originals at sensible prices, many the efforts of artists who later become well-known.

● **To set off** the picture, and, what is most important, match it with the decor of your room, the proper wooden frame and finish should be given careful thought. It is becoming increasingly popular to buy picture frames and finish them at home.

● **How it's done.** The wood should be rubbed smooth with fine steel wool or No. 00 sandpaper, and then dusted. If other than a natural finish is required, stain wood to desired colour with oil or water stain according to directions on container. When dry, apply a coat of pure, fresh white shellac cut half and half with good quality denatured alcohol (not anti-freeze).

● **Give coat time to dry,** then rub lightly with sandpaper, dust again, and apply two or more coats of the cut shellac, as desired. Be careful to see that each coat is thoroughly dry before applying the next. When final coat is dry, rub lightly with sandpaper or steel wool, then wax. To get a natural wood finish, omit the staining step.

PICKLED FINISH

● **Just now** the pickled finish is very popular, and it is attractive. To obtain the finish, dilute lead or zinc white with pure gum turpentine, and apply carefully to frame. Rub gently with a soft rag until the desired effect is obtained. This is done before the first coat of shellac is applied.

● **If you own** or pick up one of those gilt-framed oils, the gilt frame may look as if it needed care, especially if the oil painting has been professionally cleaned. A real gilt frame is covered with gold leaf and that work is an art. So just gently clean the gilt by using a mixture of equal parts of alcohol and ammonia. With the least possible pressure, touch the gilt with a thin pad of clean cheesecloth or a soft brush. This is not work to hurry over. Use a fresh cloth to remove soil. A little lemon oil, patted on very gently, will help to keep gilt from drying and cracking. If bits of gilt have chipped off, the frame will need a professional job.

Dish-water Allergy

Because his wife's doctor has pronounced her allergic to dish-water, a Winnsboro, Texas husband has taken over the dish-washing chores in his household. He is also buying quantities of paper plates.

100-YEAR SHEETS AND NOSTALGIC MEMORIES . . .

Boleros are booming since reintroduction by Dior this autumn. They appear fitted to the bust in mushroom, black-sequin-embroidered satin over a black velvet dinner dress; in tailored cyclamen-pink serge over a black serge day dress. Woollens are also popular, like this white bobble-fringed bolero.

BRITISH housewives who worry over the cost of equipping and maintaining their utility linen cupboards would find nostalgic memories in an exhibition at one of the West End stores of the days when a bride's trousseau linen lasted her all the days of her life.

Among the exhibits of old linen still in regular use in households all over the country —many of them over 100 years old—are embroidered pillow cases dated in ink 1853 from Mrs P. Toms, of East Budleigh; and a linen sheet of 1793, lent by Mrs Appleton, of Ufficulme, Devon. This sheet, which is still being used in Mrs Appleton's household, is embroidered in blue threads with the names of successive owners.

DOWER CHEST

From Colonel Roger Swire, Island of Skye, comes a linen sheet and lace-trimmed pillow case belonging to his ancestress Rosamond Swire, who was born in 1733 and worked this linen set for her dower chest, embroidering her initials in her own hair.

Mr Norman Ablett, of Alford, Lincs. still uses a linen damask dining cloth, which is marked in ink, "Charles, 6th Lord Maynard, 1753."

For the woman who likes to preserve some of the beauties of old time housekeeping, it is still possible to have initials and monograms embroidered or worked in cross-stitch. Charges are reasonable, and it is amazing what this touch can do to the appearance of utility linen.

WEATHER WARNING

WHEN shopping for a waterproof, remember to ask whether the material is pre-shrunk. Cases have been reported to the Retail Trading Standards Association of waterproofs shrinking as much as two inches after their first outing in the rain, particularly among cheap cotton gaberdines.

Most reputable manufacturers have their material pre-shrunk before production, but this takes more material, and less scrupulous manufacturers might prefer to squeeze an extra garment from a roll of material and trust to luck on shrinkage.

The association, who recently persuaded the Board of Trade to tighten the specifications for rainwear cloths, is now pressing for a "relaxation shrinkage" rule to be introduced for rainwear.

Household Hints

When you are cooking, keep children away from the stove. Aside from the hazard of their turning on the gas, they might pull down the handle of a hot pan and get badly burned.

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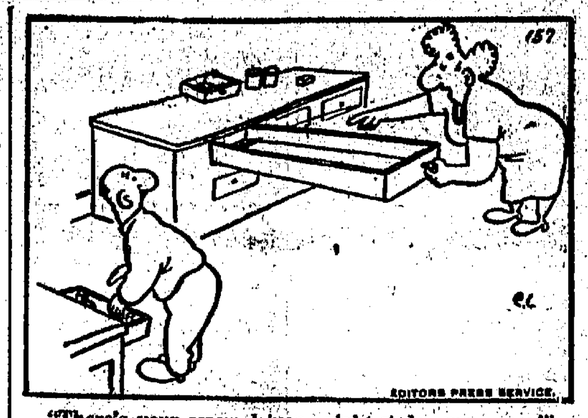
When building your own home or remodelling your old one, plan a kitchen that allows at least two feet of working space on a work shelf between each major appliance and the opposite wall.

DUMB-BELLS



"There's your screw driver . . right under your nose!"

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Good Guess Needed To Win This Hand

	NORTH (D) 27 ♠K 6 2 ♥A J 6 ♦A Q 10 ♣Q J 8 4	
WEST ♠Q 9 3 ♥4 ♦9 5 4 2 ♣A K 7 5 2		EAST ♠A 10 7 5 ♥Q 7 5 ♦8 7 6 3 ♣6 3
	SOUTH ♠J 8 4 ♥K 10 9 8 3 2 ♦K J ♣10 9 N-S vul.	

North	East	South	West
1 N.T.	Pass	3♥	Pass
3 N.T.	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♠K

By OSWALD JACOBY

PROBABLY South should have passed three no-trump, allowing his partner to play the hand. However, a spade opening would leave three no-trump dependent on a good guess in hearts. That good guess—or good play—was all South needed to make four hearts.

West opened the king of clubs and shifted to the deuce of diamonds. South won and returned a club to West's ace. West then led another diamond, and South won again.

South thought he was safe by now, and speedily cashed the king and then the ace of hearts. Then he tried to cash the queen of clubs, but East stepped right in with the queen of trumps and laid down the ace of spades to set the contract.

Naturally South would have made his contract if he had guessed the location of the queen of hearts. He could have made it without guessing, however, if only he had played the hand properly.

On winning the fourth trick with a diamond South must lead only one round of trumps to dummy's ace. Then he must lead the queen of clubs.

He can be sure that West has at least one more club, for West would have opened the ace of clubs from the doubleton ace-king. If East follows suit, South is safe. He discards a spade, cashes the third diamond to discard another spade and then leads the jack of clubs to get rid of his last spade. By this means only two clubs and one trump can be lost.

If East ruffs the queen of clubs, South over-ruffs, draws the last trump, and then gets to dummy via the jack of trumps. Then he has two discards on a club and a diamond, giving up two clubs and one spade.

CARD Sense

Q—With East-West vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	Pass	Pass	?

You, South, hold: Spades A-K-J-10-6-3, Heart 8, Diamonds K-Q-J-4, Clubs 8-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. This indicates a strong hand with good distribution. Partner should make some big with something like one honour trick, in which case you will bid game.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-6, Hearts 6-4, Diamonds 9-3-2, Clubs A-Q-J-9-8-4. What do you do?

Answer tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

DOG-SHOW

By T. O. HARE

HERE'S a simple dog-show anecdote. In the recent show at Bertinside, Messrs. Cocker, Bloodhound, Spaniel and Mastiff each own a dog, prize in the class of which one or the others is the namesake. The name of each winning dog, moreover, was the Christian name of one of the four breeders—neither that of the dog's own breeder, nor that of the namesake of the dog's own breed. Mr. Cocker's prize dog was named Harry. The namesake of Mr. Mastiff's dog, George, showed the winning cocker. The winning bloodhound is named Peter.

What breed of dog won a prize for the dog John's namesake?

(Solution on Page 10)

Check Your Knowledge

1. Where are the Atlas Mountains?
2. What is the national dance of Argentina?
3. Name the most eastern town in North America.
4. Where are the Admiralty Islands?
5. Are ladybugs useful or harmful?
6. What do you mean by "anchovy"?

(Answers on Page 10)

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

DR SMART-ALLICK was yesterday asked by the Governors why he had not called in the police to deal with chaos at Narkover.

The Headmaster explained that a squad of police, who came in answer to a summons from one of the masters, arrested the master. It was afterwards ascertained that these "police" belonged to a gang. They had stolen the uniforms from the local police station. Yesterday three masters were arrested by a party of bogus fathers dressed as police officers. When the genuine police arrived they arrested two genuine fathers, who were released after explanations. Dr Smart-Allick said: "I would willingly consider a request for the military to be called in, if I wasn't so sure that the place would be swarming with bogus soldiers before you could turn round."

A warning

SO the little pimply ones with legs like match-sticks, the blabberers of tinned verse, dare to sneer at my Victor Hugo! They find him "too noisy" for their shredded nerves. Let me tell them, these ludicrous halfmen, that they have as much right to criticise a poet as I have to be an inspector of boiler-walls. Were I not too proud to touch such offal, I would thrash each one of them within an inch of his life, reciting the poems of Hugo as I did so. Noise! Ha! Let one of them make a noise like *Guitare* or *Tristesse d'Olympio*, and I will let him off with a reprimand and a blow in the face.

It doesn't surprise me

IN some directions for making soup from reindeer bones I read the following: *Then the stock is strained through a napkin tied to the legs of an up-ended table.* If these requisites are lacking, the stock can be strained through a tweed overcoat tied to a chandelier, or through a threadbare bed-quilt tied to an inverted umbrella-stand. But the Swedes of the Lappmarken strain the stock through fishing nets stretched between dwarf junipers. Which reminds me—in Lulea eat at the hotel by the quay, in the Sieurpahrogatan, but do not ask for reindeer soup, in your quaint English way.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . . By STELLA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

BORN on Columbus Day, you will probably have some of the explorer's adventuresome nature! You like activity and change; are dramatic and emotional. If things are just a little dull, you are just the one to think up something exciting. Still, even if you have a dozen ideas a day, you can be depended upon to carry all twelve of them through successfully.

You have a mind that is exact and scientific. In fact, the sciences are very likely to appeal to you. You have a good head for business, too, and can be depended upon to strike a good bargain.

Since your intuitions are exceptionally keen, you do not find it necessary to think things over too much. You act on hunches—and usually your quick decision is better than some decisions made by those who deliberate. There is a spiritual side to your nature which is not always recognised except by those who know you very well. You are inclined to consider your intuition IS divine guidance.

You women, especially, are never happier than when in your own home, managing your family. And a good manager you are, too! Things are never dull with you around, although everything moves with a clock-like precision.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Today be tolerant of the mistakes of others. Not everyone can be as infallible as you are! Patience pays.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Ideas can be made to pay well. See that some idea you have is instrumented and a good market found for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Finish up shopping odds and ends. Another excellent bargain day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20)—A fine time to go on a "mend-it and fix-it" spree! Things last longer if you take good care of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be sharp-eyed and efficient when it comes to bargain hunting and you will find some really good ones.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Might be just the time for family gathering. Why not invite everyone over to your house?

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Some good reading can prove a real inspiration. It could prove a challenge to your own ideas.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—All work and no play can be dreary. It is up to you to discover the proper balance that keeps morale on an even keel.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Your energy should be at peak right now. Make the best possible use of it. Get important things done.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Stick to brass tacks! Don't get off on a tangent. Be practical in everything. Illusions don't pay.

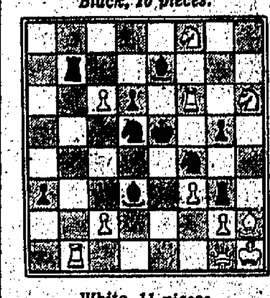
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Extra work could mean extra pay! If asked to do something, be willing. The rewards could be well worth it!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Get new clothes and household furnishings. Good buys should abound these days.

CHESS PROBLEM

By O. OPPENHEIMER

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 11 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

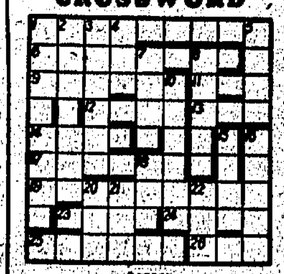
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, R—R3, any; 2, Q, or R mates.

POCKET CARTOON

What's the name of a fellow for the first letter of Lemons

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Moral made on the stage. (9)
6. Bart done up as a shrub. (8)
9. Orient I find in the country. (6)
11. It's good it may mean a hit. (6)
12. With this roast women are fascinated. (6)
13. Fanny was used to this right. (8)
14. and 8 Down. What made Lagge page? The bird, of course. (4-5)
17. One way you may go by. (6)
19. You should see two ways this way. (9)
22. Overdue. (6)
24. Considered a great defence. (6)
25. One thing suggesting duration. (8)

Down

1. Invisible attachment to many houses. (8)
2. The Pimpernel was. (7)
3. Let young Leslie take notice but not the landlord. (6)
4. Edible part of coat-pocket. (8)
5. Be charitable and give these horses. (4)
7. Picture out of line. (6)
8. Fanny Agrippa. (7)
10. Down for example. (8)
15. Contact made round the manhole. (9)
16. As bed folded in the bottom. (8)
18. Course that is bent. (6)
20. Behold. (6) only five and it is. (6)
21. Hair plait or a brass hat. (6)
23. Relation of somerset's cousin. (6)

(Solution on Page 10)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Where Does Mr. Cricket Live?

—He Has an Address, but the Meadow's So Big!—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadows with the turned-about names, were sitting under the shade of a fern at the edge of the meadow, when a beetle came along. Now there was certainly nothing unusual about that. Only it was a very strange beetle. It was wearing striped trousers for one thing, and for another it had a pair of horn-rimmed eyeglasses on its nose.

"I beg pahdon," said the beetle. That sounded strange, too. Hanid thought it was an extremely polite beetle, so she said, "Is there something we can do for you, dear?

"Yes," said the beetle. "I'd be much obliged if you'd tell me how I can get to Daisy Lane in the Meadow."

Didn't Know Either

Hanid said she didn't know where that lane was. The beetle looked at Knarf. Knarf said he didn't know either. "Is it in this meadow?" asked Knarf.

"It must be," said the beetle. "It's the only meadow around here. My friend Mr Frederick C. Cricket lives there. Do you know Mr Frederick C. Cricket?"

Knarf and Hanid both replied that they were sorry but they didn't.

At this the beetle looked in the pocket of his striped trousers and took out a small leather wallet. Out of the small leather wallet he took a card. He handed the card to Hanid. The card read:

Mr Frederick Chirp Cricket
58 Daisy Lane
The Meadow

"Only you don't know him," said the beetle, putting the card back into his wallet and the wallet back into his pocket. "That's why I want to see him. I intend leaving part of my fortune to him in my will."

He was such a very nice beetle that Knarf and Hanid decided they ought to do their best to help him find Daisy Lane where Mr Frederick C. Cricket lived. So they all went into the meadow. From the outside, the meadow seemed to have no lanes or roads or streets or avenues at all. It looked completely covered with grass. But once you got in the meadow you saw, to your surprise, that there were dozens and dozens of different paths that the tiny meadow-folk used—little threads of paths that went winding about underneath the blades of grass and the stems of flowers.

Army of Ants

Along the first path they came to, they found an army of ants marching swiftly up one side and another army marching just as swiftly down the other.

Hanid stopped one of the ants. "Would you mind telling us where we can find Daisy Lane, please?"

"I think it's over on the other side," replied the ant. "There's no Daisy Lane here. There's Clover Street and Buttercup Road and Wildrose Avenue and Wintergreen Boulevard and Cowslip Square. But no Daisy Lane that I know of. I'm sorry." And he hurried off to get back into line.

So Knarf and Hanid and the beetle started walking toward the other side of the meadow. "I wish Frederick C. Cricket lived in a more convenient place," said the beetle.

All at once they met a snail nibbling a peppermint leaf in the middle of the meadow near a tiny pool of water. "Daisy Lane?" the snail said after they had explained to him what they wanted. "Now let me see.... h'mm....yes, it's on the other side of the meadow, all right, between Blackeyed Susan and Violet. You ought to get there by the middle of next week."

Is It Far Away?

"What!" cried Hanid. "By the middle of next week? Is it that far away?"

"That's how long it would take me," remarked the snail, and went on nibbling the leaf.

But the further they went the more confused they got. There were more and more paths, all crisscrossing and forking and twisting and turning. They kept getting directions from different people. A bumble-bee told them to go one way, a dragon-fly told them to go another.

The beetle handed the card to Hanid. "Pity you don't know him," he said.

It was a good thing that the beetle suddenly shouted, "I hear him!"

"Who?" asked Knarf and Hanid.

"Mr Frederick C. Cricket! Listen!"

Knarf and Hanid listened. Sure enough, very faintly, they heard the chirping of a cricket. The beetle dashed under the grass, climbed over twigs and jumped from pebble to pebble. At last, sitting under a daisy, strumming a guitar, was Frederick C. Cricket. And Knarf and Hanid were certainly relieved.

Rupert and the Sorcerer—37

Rupert looks so worried and miserable wondering what will happen to him that the two men burst into laughing and the Sorcerer lifts him up. "Nay, methinks the little bear has learnt his lesson and needs no further punishment," he smiles.

"He will meddle no more with flying saucers. They give him back his wishes and I happily pass part of the way home with him. I say, I was fully glad of you to-day, Sorcerer, for the Professor . . . But the next episode must have . . . [illegible]

TODAY'S SPORT

CRICKET

Hongkong v. Combined Services Singapore and Hongkong at Chater Road, 2.30 p.m. (Three-day match)

TENNIS

Ladies Recreation Club Championships—Two Handicap semi-finals (Mixed Doubles); Final of Club Men's Singles, Lt Cmdr J R L. Cook –P L. Holmes; Final of Handicap Men's Singles—A Martin- winner of G.M Macwhinnie—K B Baker; Final of Club Ladies' Singles.

Kowloon Cricket Club Championships—K Lo and T Lo v A Augestad and J Leriou; Mrs E. Tebbutt and Miss M. Ribeiro v winner Mrs M. Pepperell and Mrs C Getz v Mrs A. Dawson-Groves and Mrs Bonbernard

Women's Inter-Club Aquatics

A unique swimming gala will be held at the Victoria Recreation Club on Tuesday, October 16, commencing at 6 p.m. at which four women's team will vie for honours.

The teams participating in this quadrangular meet are Lai Tsun Swimming Union, Ching Wing Union, Victoria Recreation Club and European YMCA and all the champions of the fairer sex are expected to take part.

The events are.—50 yards free-style; 50 yards backstroke; 50 yards breaststroke, 100 yards free-style; 100 yards breaststroke; 100 yards backstroke; 4 x 50 yards free-style relay.

In addition to the above, there will be a diving exhibition and invitation races for men.

The winners will be decided on a points basis as follows: 5-3-2-1 in the order of finish for individual events and 10-6-4-2 for the team relay event.

The gala is sponsored by the Hongkong Amateur Swimming Association for the purpose of raising funds to finance the proposed Interport with Manila and certificates will be awarded to participants in place of the usual prizes.

Prices of admission will be $2.40 and dancing to recorded music will follow the swimming contest.

CONNETT'S SIX WICKETS PAVED THE WAY FOR CRICKET CLUB'S VICTORY

The Hongkong Cricket yesterday handed the Singapore Combined Services their first defeat of their Hongkong tour, winning the two-day match at Chater Road by five wickets with 75 minutes to spare.

The winning run came from a boundary bye, but not until after a rather shaky start by the home team.

The Cricket Club resumed their second innings at the opening of yesterday's play and the last two wickets fell with the addition of 19 runs to the overnight score of 215.

An early collapse featured the Services' second innings. Pritchard, who opened the bowling with Connett, met with instant success, clean bowling Simpson for a duck.

Next over saw Connett claiming the first of his six wickets for the day that paved the way to the Cricket Club's victory.

Eley was Connett's next lbw victim, and the scoreboard read 20-3-4.

Captain Marriott and LREM Chaplin saved the visitors from a collapse with a bright fourth wicket stand that yielded 92 runs. Chaplin was the first to go after a bright 58 scored in 86 minutes, which included seven fours.

Marriott fell to a good catch by the bowler—Connett—14 minutes later. Marriott's stay at the wicket lasted 100 minutes and he contributed a valuable 69, which included nine fours and was highlighted by some beautiful pulls to the leg.

With the departure of Marriott the Services afforded feeble batting resistance for the remaining wickets and were all out for 161.

Connett, bowling medium-paced leg breaks, finished up with the excellent analysis of six wickets for 39 runs.

Set to make 99 runs for a win, and with plenty of time to do it, the Cricket Club went for the runs and a quick finish. Things did not look too well for them when the first two wickets fell for only 18 runs but Arthy and Rowe took the score to 71 and Weller with seven singles consolidated the position by seeing 93 up on the board.

Stokes was out lbw for only one run, but Arthy, who, it is learnt, just missed being selected for Queensland a few months back, and Macpherson held their ends until a boundary bye gave them the winning run.

THE SCORES

Singapore Combined Services—1st Inns. 171 (LREM Chaplin 42; G.H.P. Pritchard 3 for 25, C.B. Connett 3 for 33.)

Hongkong CC—1st Inns.. 234 (L.F. Stokes 41, F.A. Weller 36; F/O Martin 5 for 73).

S'pore Services—2nd inns.

Willcocks, lbw Connett	3
Simpson, b Pritchard	0
Marriott, c and b Connett	69
Eley, lbw Connett	4
Chaplin, c MacPherson, b Connett	58
Martin, c Rowe, b Connett	0
Bennett, lbw Connett	1
Badham, run out	2
Tomlinson, c Arthy, b Pritchard	3
Hansford, not out	3
Berry, c and b Arthy	8
Extras	3
Total	161

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Pritchard	12	2	41	2
Connett	18	5	39	6
Sellors	5	-	10	-
Weller	4	1	9	-
Arthy	3.2	-	10	1
Rowe	3	-	16	-
MacPherson	4	-	33	-
Hill	1	1	-	-

Hongkong CC—2nd inns.

Arthy, not out	45
Huffett, lbw Bennett	9
Oliver, c Badham, b Martin	0
Rowe, c Bennett, b Berry	23
Weller, c Tomlinson, b Martin	7
Stokes, lbw Martin	1
MacPherson, c Chaplin, b Bennett	0
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wkts)	100

Pritchard, Sellors, Connett and Hill did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Bennett	14.4	-	25	2
Martin	10	1	48	3
Berry	5	-	14	1
Marriott	3	-	10	-

Malayan Badminton Team's Programme

Wong Peng-soon, world badminton champion, heads the Malayan team which will arrive in Hongkong on Saturday, October 20.

The visitors will play their two exhibition games in the Colony on Monday, October 22.

An elaborate programme for the entertainment of the visitors has been arranged by the Hongkong Badminton Association, under whose auspices the tour has been undertaken.

Motor trips round the Island and the New Territories, lunch at Mr O. el Arculli's residence and tea with Mr Denis H. Hazell at the Gloucester Hotel, dinner and dance at the Skyroom as guests of Mr Zander Tsok, tiffin party by Mr D. Kwok, Chinese dinner by Mr Wai Kee-yan and a tour of the Tiger Balm Mansion are but a few of the items on the programme.

The following is the complete programme of exhibition matches in which the visitors will take part:

MONDAY, OCT 22

First Night Exhibition Series at Southorn Playground 8 p.m.

1 Men's Doubles: Ooi Teik-hock & Tan Jin-song v Hongkong pair.

2 Men's Singles: Wong Peng-soon (world champion) v Abdulla Piruz (Selangor champion).

3. Mixed Doubles: Chan Kon-leong (Malaya's best doubles player) & Hongkong partner v Hongkong pair.

4 Men's Singles: Tan Jin-song (Perak champion) v Hongkong player.

5 Men's Doubles: Chan Kon-leong & Abdulla Piruz (Malaya doubles champions) v Wong Peng-soon & Ooi Teik-hock.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

Second Night Exhibition Series (Fixtures to be announced later) at Southorn Playground 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Third Night Exhibition Series (Fixtures to be announced later) at Southorn Playground 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

Fourth Night Exhibition Series (Fixtures to be announced later) at Southorn Playground 8 p.m.

Tennis Tourney Results

Following are the results of matches in the KCC tennis championships yesterday:

Ladies' Doubles Handicap:—Mrs P. Fung and Mrs V. Hill beat Miss J. Watt and Miss B. Chong 6-2, 6-3. Miss B. Brand and Miss Low beat Miss D. Baker and Miss Wiseman 6-3, 6-4.

Men's Doubles Handicap:—W.J. Howard and C. Soetens beat M.A. Saydan and C. Sabatie 6-2, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles:—Mrs J. Stokes and F. Zimmern beat Mrs Norfolk and D. Chen 8-6, 9-7.

Men's Singles:—K. Loe scored a walkover against A. Fung.

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Following were the results of games played at the Ladies' Recreation Club.

Men's Singles Handicap.—A. Martin beat G.M. Macwhinnie 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

Inter-Hong.—B.T. Nolan and W. Cheung (Peat Marwick) beat Dr G.B. Smart and Dr P. Esmonde (Medical Department) 6-2, 7-5. H. Owen Hughes and G.N. Gosano (Harry Wicking) beat J.D. Mackie and J.V. Sellors (Jardines) 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Games scheduled to be played at the Chinese Recreation Club were postponed.

Faulkner Wins Dunlop Masters' Tournament

Wentworth, Surrey, Oct. 11.

Max Faulkner, the British Open Golf Champion, won the 72-hole Dunlop Masters golf tournament which ended here today.

Faulkner, who led throughout, had rounds of 71, 70, 72 and 68 to total 281, four strokes ahead of Reg Horne (Hendon).

Horne, who had rounds of 72, 72, 73 and 68, finished two strokes ahead of John Panton (Glenburvie), who had rounds of 72, 74, 69 and 72.

The tournament, which is open to the winners of the season's major British tournaments, has awards totalling £1,500 and a first prize of £500.—Reuter.

Ezzard Charles Scores TKO

Pittsburgh, Oct. 11.

The former heavyweight champion, Ezzard Charles, made the first big jump up the comeback trail last night with a technical knockout over 22-year-old Rex Layne of Salt Lake City in two minutes 23 seconds of the 11th round.

A winging right to the chin settled the rugged scrap this referee, Artie McFarlan, ruling the unbeaten 12-rounder as Layne tried to struggle to his shaky legs when the count reached nine.

Layne's fans were a bloody mess at the finish, while Charles' face was more or less unmarked.—Reuter.

MCC Wins By Two Wickets At Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad, Oct. 11.

The MCC touring team defeated Western India by two wickets here today in an exciting finish.

Needing 112 runs for victory after dismissing Western India in their second innings for 139 runs, the MCC lost eight wickets in getting the runs.

At one point, with their total at 60 runs for two wickets, the MCC looked set for a comfortable win. But they lost three wickets for nine runs in one spell after lunch and, with half their side out, had to struggle for the last 27 runs.

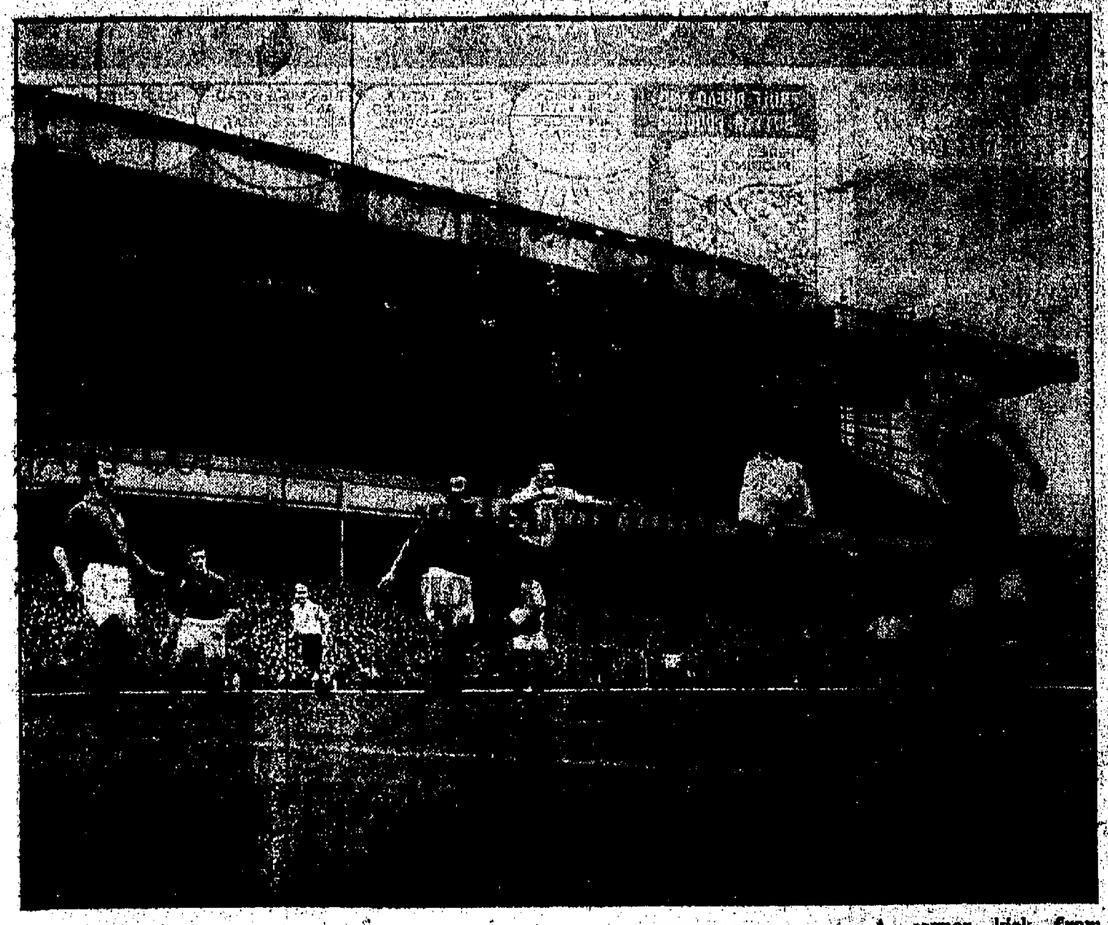
The final scores were: Western India 104 and 139; MCC 132 and 112 for eight.—Reuter.

Quarry Bay School Sports Meeting

Arranged by the Quarry Bay School Parent-Teachers Association, a sports meeting for the children of the School will be held at the Hospital Football Club ground, Happy Valley, on Friday, October 19, from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

A cup is being donated to the House obtaining the highest number of points each during the meeting, and prizes will be awarded to the first and second competitors in each event, all competitors receiving a souvenir.

ENGLAND v. FRANCE AT ARSENAL STADIUM



A corner kick from Medley during an England attack in the England v. France match. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. — Express Photo.

Continental Teams Are Now Playing Soccer The English Way

Says TOM FINNEY

England and Preston North End Outside-right

In days when so much is said and written about the business side of football — wages, transfer fees, gate receipts going up or down — some of you may be under the impression that the average player in top grade Soccer looks on a match as he might regard a daily journey to an office or workshop.

Don't you believe it. Football may be part of the entertainment industry, but the professional gets as much thrill out of a goal, a victory — and the game itself — as any amateur.

On a Monday evening I was listening to the ten o'clock news on the radio. The announcer read the names of the England team to play France at Highbury the following Wednesday; among them, as you will know, was Finney (Preston North End). After 13 games in England's colours against the Home countries, and 32 altogether, my excitement could not have been greater if it had been my first international.

You may wonder what flashes through a player's mind when he hears the news. Well, first there is the personal satisfaction. Then, a thought on the team itself, and, particularly, the men with whom he will be most closely associated on the field. And finally, his mind turns to other matches he has played against the same opponents.

PLAYING AGAINST FRANCE

On this occasion I was in the team on the right wing, with my old friends Wilfred Mannion, at inside-right, and Billy Wright, at right-half. So there was something of the Old Firm about the right-wing triangle. We have, in fact, been a triangle on more than one occasion.

All three of us were in the side at Highbury on May 3, 1947, when England beat France by three goals to nil. Billy was at right-half and with myself at outside-right. Will was at inside-left with Bobby Langton—then with Blackburn—on the left wing.

There was no score at half-time. Our goals came in a rush in the second-half, from Wilf Mannion, Ralph Carter, who was at inside-right, and me.

I was also in the team that beat France by three goals to one in Paris in May, 1949. Here again it wasn't easy. If I remember rightly the Frenchmen scored first—in the first minute—and we had to put our best foot forward before Johnny Morris and Billy Wright shot us in front, a third goal coming later from Johnny to make good measure.

We must not overlook the fact that Continental football is improving all the time. There used to be varying styles of defence and attack. Now most of them have taken to the English style and win we see from most of the teams is the work of our own players. We are proud to see our foreign rivals improving. Only if they settle here with clubs that were completely new, and won, should we have cause to worry. It might mean that we were losing out.

It is impossible to give an absolute best to any, because conditions have varied so much. But the highlight that sticks in my memory, for many reasons, is the match against Italy in the Spring of 1948 in Turin.

I don't think I ever saw a better foreign side than the Italians of that year. England won by four goals to nil, and some experienced judges have said that this was England's best display since World War One. We seemed to click, and got the goals; but the Italians provided a brand of football that was a joy to play against and must have been magnificent to watch.

Stanley Mortensen scored England's first goal with one of the greatest—if not the greatest—shot I ever saw. It was a sharp, angled drive hit at full speed. We said at the time: "The impossible has happened."

I have never played against the Austrian national side, though I have played against a team which included five Austrian internationals. They have been described as the best on the Continent at the moment—which lends a lot of interest to England's match with them at the end of November.

WELCOME THE GERMANS

But you may have noticed that Germany went to Vienna and won by two goals to nil against this crack Austrian combination. Which seems to show that our former opponents on the battlefields have built up a team to be reckoned with.

Like many of you, I spent nearly four years overseas in the Services, but I think the time has come when we can meet the Germans on the sporting field with hands of friendship and welcome. What's more, it seems that the game will lose something if we don't.

With that Vienna victory behind them the Germans would undoubtedly be a magnet at Wembley or any other stadium in Britain. I'm quite certain that I should want to be there to see them, even if I wasn't playing. Wouldn't you?

HOCKEY MATCH POSTPONED

The League Hockey match between the Royal Navy and the Army arranged for Sookunpo on Sunday, has been postponed.

An alternate friendly match is being arranged and all Army players and the Combined Services team should turn out. The Army team will be announced on Monday, at 1.30 p.m.

Terry Allen To Train At Los Angeles

London, Oct. 11.

Terry Allen, the British Featherweight Champion and former World Featherweight title-holder, who has a return fight with Dado Marino for the title in Honolulu on November 1, will go to Los Angeles via New York for a few days' training before crossing to Honolulu, it was stated here.

Johnny Sharpe, Allen's manager, and Honey Francis, his trainer, will accompany him.—Reuter.

Britain Prepares For Olympic Cycling

London, Oct. 11.

Official teams of British cyclists will be seen at indoor meetings in several continental cities during the Winter, as part of the preparation for the Olympic Games.

This proposal has been made so that riders can gain tactical experience and for the same reason a team will leave for South Africa early next year.

The Olympic Games Selection Committee have suggested that first preference for these visits should be given to nominees for the Helsinki gathering.

It appears that the principle of "one rider, one event" will be followed by the National Cyclists' Union in preparing their short list of likely men for the Olympic Games.

This will at once recall the 1948 position when Reg Harris, now the World Professional Sprint Champion, was named for four events—and failed in all.

Early this year, about 80 men were named as possibles for Britain's team for the five events but, after whittling down this number through trials, the list was more than halved.

Thirty-four men still have their names in the picture for selection, and several of them appeared in the Games in London three years ago.

From this band the teams for visiting France, Switzerland and Denmark, also South Africa, will no doubt be chosen.—Reuter.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NINTH RACE MEETING

Saturday 20th & Saturday 27th October, 1951.

(Hold under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club).

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m. each day.

Through Tickets (at $40 each) may be obtained at the Comprador Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting.

Through tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 19th October, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Office at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:—

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong

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382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Compradore Office will close at 11.00 a.m. on both days. The Secretary's Office will close at 11.45 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Compradore Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27518).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various entrances to the Members' Hall to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

BY ORDER,

H. [illegible],

Secretary.

Clear off the turf, Israeli goalkeeper Jacob Chodrov hurtles across to grab a ball during practice by the Israeli football team at Highbury Stadium, North London. The Hapoel Tel-Aviv team are playing front-ranking British teams during their tour. —Reuterphoto.

Who Is To Blame When Tragedy Stalks Into The Boxing Ring?

Asks HAROLD MAYES

Not long ago in Madison Square Garden, New York, I saw death strike a left-hand blow.

Boxing records will show that 20-year-old middleweight George Flores, of New York's East Side, was knocked out after 46 seconds of the final round of an eight-round contest by Roger Donoghue.

Records in the United States equivalent of Somerset House, London, will show that for once it was the complete and irreparable knockout, for Flores died four days later.

At once the cry went up, as it had done before, "Kill boxing." New York newspapers talked about "legalised murder." They described the tragedy of Flores' widow and her six-weeks-old child.

OFFICIALS WERE WORRIED

Many of them suggested all kinds of additional precautions to prevent repetition . . . "that Flores should not have died in vain." Some of them called for boxing to be outlawed.

There were public inquiries, and although people who gave evidence at them regarded these investigations as nothing more than routine, it was obvious at later tournaments I saw that officials were worried.

There were people from Britain who even went so far as to say that referee Ruby Goldstein, who handled the Sugar Ray Robinson - Randolph Turpin world middleweight title contest, stopped in favour of Robinson, was "trigger-happy" as a result of Flores' death—that he was taking no chances.

Flores died on America's Labour Day holiday, when, despite all kinds of warnings in the newspapers and on every radio programme about the dangers of the roads, over 600 people were killed in car accidents of one kind or another, yet nobody suggested that car driving should be outlawed.

Once a fatality happens in the ring, so many people find it the easiest thing to apportion blame. Seldom, of course, do they have the satisfaction of doing it correctly, and in concentrating on a particular incident they fail to take a panoramic view of the situation.

So while the Flores furore was at its height, I began a personal investigation in New York to answer these questions: What risks do youngsters take when they embark on a boxing career? What precautions are taken to reduce the dangers? Who is to blame when they go wrong?

I was granted the privilege of watching boxers undergoing their medical examinations, preliminary boys as well as champions, and I talked with men in every sphere of boxing activity. Since my return to London I have continued my inquiries in Britain.

On both sides of the Atlantic I have found everyone most willing and co-operative, indeed anxious, to assist me towards the presentation of a completely objective picture, and even more anxious to listen to suggestions as to where flaws might be found in the precautionary machinery.

In the United States, no actual records are kept of ring deaths. Amateur boxing extends to every high school and as professional boxing is controlled by State Commissions in each of the 48 States, no complete national statistics exist.

Last year, throughout the world, eleven fighters died, two of them in New York State, so that Flores' death was the third there in 19 months.

CLOSE WATCH ON BOXERS

And what is the record here in Britain? In the last 25 years 13 fighters, amateur and professional, have died as a result of injury received in the ring. Since full-scale boxing began after the war, there have been only two fatalities as a result of professional bouts.

In 1946 Alex Murphy, a Scottish flyweight, died following a Nottingham defeat from France's Emile Famechon. In 1948 Mickey Markey, a young Welsh boxer, died as a result of a contest at Willenhall, Staffordshire, against Jim Simpson.

Two deaths in how many contests? Well, for that information I sought the help of Teddy Waltham, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, who said that in 1950 there were 790 tournaments under the Board's jurisdiction, each with an average of six bouts, making a total of more than 4,700 matches last year alone.

From that it can be computed that there have been something like 20,000 contests here in Britain, or a minimum of 100,000 three-minute rounds of boxing —with just two deaths.

Mr Waltham attributes that to a virtually foolproof system of medical examination, allied to what he calls "personal contact." That personal contact is maintained by having Boxing Board inspectors in addition to medical officers and Area Council officials, at every tournament.

"All of them watch boxers closely, and make their reports independently" he told me. "If we get a report that this or that boxer has taken an unusual amount of punishment, or has suffered a cut eye or other injury, special attention is paid to those facts when he is examined before being allowed to fight again.

"If a boxer is knocked out, or his fight is stopped, he is automatically suspended until he has satisfied the medical board of his fitness. There is no hard and fast rule as to the length of the suspension, because of the varying powers of recovery of particular men, but no one is allowed to overrule the decision of a medical officer," he added.

That is most important, because in my view it eliminates the gravest of all risks in the chain of circumstances which can lead to the permanent injury or even death of a boxer—the human element.

IT'S DIFFERENT TODAY

There was a time when a boy could say "I'm all right," and talk himself past the doctors because he was anxious to get back into the ring. That used to happen. Things are different in Britain today.

In the case of Flores, he had been knocked out just over a fortnight before the fatal contest. When he presented himself for examination, he said it had happened three weeks before. When the New York State Athletic Commission doctor queried that, he was assured by other Commission officials that everything was in order, whereas if he had followed his own dictates he would have insisted on at least another three weeks' suspension for the boxer.

The human element was allowed to creep in. So Flores died, because of his own keenness to figure in the second most important bout on a Madison Square Garden bill and earn himself the biggest purse of his career.

DOCTOR HAS LAST WORD

So all the elaborate machinery of an athletic commission controlled by the State broke down. Could it have happened in Britain? I don't think so. I have in my possession copies of the prescribed form for examination used by doctors both in New York State and by the British Boxing Board of Control.

I have submitted them both to an eminent medical authority absolutely unconnected with boxing. He has agreed that they are almost identical in their requirements and as thorough as they could possibly be.

Then where does Britain score? Simply that in Britain we have now eliminated the chance of the boxer slipping over a fast one in an effort to get back to the ring quickly.

Boxers needing a medical certificate used to go to their own doctors and say "Am I fit for work?" and get a certificate saying that they were, without disclosing they were boxers.

But now, before a boxer can get back after a lay-off of any kind, he has to present to his doctor a certificate which he receives from the Board of Control, in which such pertinent details as "referee's decision in last contest" and "reason for decision" are filled in by the Board.

The examining doctor is then in full possession of everything he should know. And he gives the clearance only if he is prepared to sign that "I, having full knowledge of the above facts, have examined . . . and find him fully recovered and physically fit to take part in a strenuous professional boxing contest."

Medical precautions alone are, of course, insufficient. In addition to the doctors and boxers, managers, seconds and referees have extremely important tasks to perform in the grim business of ensuring that boxers' lives are not imperilled.

Managers, in their desire to push a fighter to the top too quickly, may well be guilty of over-matching. Seconds, in the belief that a fighter may well be on the verge of defeat, can easily persuade a boy that he may pull a fight out of the fire in the next round.

SHOUTING FOR BLOOD

Referees, with the crowd shouting for blood, might be tempted to allow a contest to go on longer than might otherwise be the case rather than allow themselves to be subjected to the criticism which often follows the stopping of a fight.

I have talked with them all, and I shall report what they have to say.

THREE CHEERS A CLEAR FAVOURITE FOR CESAREWITCH

London, Oct. 11.

Three Cheers became a clear favourite for the Cesarewitch at the Victoria Club callover on the "Autumn Double" tonight.

His former co-favourite, Kelling, was also heavily supported and ended at 100 to 9.

The best backed outsider was Penny on the Jack. Heliophila and French Design also attracted great interest.

Business was lighter on the Cambridgeshire, where Gay Owen and Majalis ended up as co-favourites at 20 to 1. There was less money for Majalis, who closed at 100 to 6 at the last callover.

Roman Way and Salamat were the best backed of the remainder.

The next callover will be held at the Victoria Club on Monday, October 15.

The betting:—

Cesarewitch Handicap

9 to 1 Three Cheers,
100 to 9 Kelling,
100 to 8 Heliophila,
100 to 6 Barnacle and Mon Prince,
18 to 1 French Design,
20 to 1 Limicola,
22 to 1 Coltbridge,
25 to 1 Le Tellier, Guadelupe, Tilloy and Sports Master,
33 to 1 Antigue II, Caribou, Strathspey, Penny on the Jack, Vidi Vici and Star Spangled Banner,
40 to 1 Veuillin, Coup d'Epee, North Cape and Pyrgos.

Cambridgeshire Handicap

20 to 1 Gay Owen and Majalis,
25 to 1 Anamnesies, Master Rocky, Denizen and Royal Moccasin,
28 to 1 Roman Way,
33 to 1 Salamat, Hills of Devon, Camp Fire, Antrycide, Meysey Hampton, Damremont, Polar Jest, Wilwyn Stokes and Morning Trial,
40 to 1 Dolain Cout and Barnes Park.—Reuter.

RICHARDS' 200TH

Lingfield Park, Sussex, Oct. 11.

Gordon Richards, Britain's 47-year-old champion jockey, rode his 200th winner of the season here today.

He has now achieved the double century in six years running, beating the record of Fred Archer, who reached 200 winners in five consecutive years, ending in 1885.

This is the 11th season that Richards has accomplished the feat. Archer reached the double century eight times.—Reuter.

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2.—Epsom Handicap (1st Section) Class 7. 8 Furlongs.—Aga King, A Grand Time, Amigo, Baylight, Crown Witness, Gladiolus, Glamour Butterfly, High Straight, Liberty Diamond, Pearl Bridge, Prince Dahlia, Roue d'or, Silver Fox, True Love, Windermere.

3.—Pontefract Handicap (1st Section) Class 9. From 2 M.P.—Abdul Hamid, Argus II, Argus IV, Ballerina, Care Free, Courageous, Flying Knight, Glacial Lake, Grey Mist, Half Hoop, Happy Boy, Hot Pobiol, Ironside, National Glory, Peacock, Samson, Shangrila, Sulphur.

4.—Thirsk Handicap (1st Section) Class 8. From 1½ M.P.—Ben Lawers, Epinard, Flag Day, Flight, Forever Spring, Geronimo, Jericho, Krazy Kat, Prairie Moon, Sino Marshall, Strathnamara, Tunny, Victorious, Zephyr.

5.—Epsom Handicap (2nd Section) Class 7. 6 Furlongs.—Amber, Bee Maadhui, Dawn, English Cabbage, Exquisite Love, Hurry On, Jiminy Cricket, Lightning, Souvenir, Spotted Deer, Toowoomba Boy, Trade Wind, Winged, Wonderful Coin.

6.—Thirsk Handicap (2nd Section) Class 8. From 1½ M.P.—Al Fresco, Boniface, Copper, Double Coin, Good Boy, Henrietta, Miami Beauty, Midnight Express, National Income, Norse Lady, Rosemarie, The Kam Lung, Yacal.

7.—Epsom Handicap (3rd Section) Class 7. 6 Furlongs.—Bonnie Eyes, Cassie, Chief Witness, Colin, Fleet Admiral, Gracechurch, Jennifer, Kwong Leung, Peggy, Poker Face, Powerhouse, Sans Atout, Southeast Wind, Southwest.

8.—Thirsk Handicap (3rd Section) Class 8. From 1½ M.P.—Airfield, Busy Bee, Calamity, Desert Gold, Green Velvet, Gypsy, Magic Bow, Marber, Priority, Rifle, Sapientia, Sharpshooter, Wonderful Girl.

9.—Pontefract Handicap (2nd Section) Class 9. From 2 M.P.—Acquisition, Aeroplane, Arabian Moon, Argus, Bitter Sweet, Debonair, Ding How, Domino, Flying Wheel, Gangway, Golden Boy, Golden Wing, Kingfisher, Minya Miminya, Red Rabbit, Speed Wheel, Stirling Castle, Trigger.

10.—Dundalk Handicap (2nd Section) Class 4. 1 Mile.—Desire, Empress of Peace, Googirl, Happy Valley, Harvest Field, John Halifax, L'arc Triomphe, National Honour, Ringwood, Rowangien, Speed Bird, Stratocruiser, The Hopeful, United Victory, Xerxes.

SECOND DAY

1.—Folkestone Handicap (1st Section) Class 5. From 1½ M.P.—Autumn Leaf, Black Rose, Conqueror, Diana, Filibuster II, Fleetmaster, Goodwood, Hoi Houw, Hurricane, Kentucky Moon, Lady Gloucester, Lucky Strike, Robin Hood, Straight Forward, Tabu (late Flying King) Topper.

2.—Curragh Handicap (1st Section) Class 3. 6 Furlongs.—Beautiful Star, Beckenham, Century, Cinderella, Diamond Queen, Home Builder, Jeep Lee, Lily, Mustang, Pearl Diver, Rose Emme, Sunshine, Tiny Grey, Tonyber, V-J Day.

3.—Leopardstown Handicap (1st Section) Class 6. 1¼ Miles.—Amazing, Canadian Potato, Ginger, Good Luck, Gypsy Diamond, Huntmaster, Justice of Peace, Mabel, Popularity, Queen Helen, The Tigress, Thunderbolt.

4.—Curragh Handicap (2nd Section) Class 3. 6 Furlongs.—Alra and Graces, Atomic Power, Belle Fontaine, Blossom Time, Blue Sky, Cleopatra, Corrib, Daisy Bell, Fairy Feet, Liberty Ship, Oakland Bridge, Probability, Shun Lee, Sportsmaster, The Stranger, Wodonga.

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6.—Brighton Handicap (1st Section) Class 2. From 1½ M.P.—Ann Wind, Adorable Atalanta, Ataman, Duchess Delight, Forward View, Golden Dragon, Lawrence, Pleasant Valley, Seafire, Straight Flush, The Chief.

7.—Leopardstown Handicap (3rd Section) Class 6. 1¼ Miles.—Anyway, Battlefield, Chelsea, Chinese Mackerel, Hopper, Jorrocks, Light Star, Penforce, Possibility, Prince Delight, Ringway, Sparkling Eyes.

8.—Baldoyle Handicap Class 1A. 6 Furlongs.—Anna, Bambi, Bashful Beauty, Ben Wyvis, Chesterfield, Clondeckie, Dynamic View, Firefly, Gold Medal, High Speed, Norseman, (late London 17), Golden Dahlia, Panda, Skymaster, Squadron Leader, The Lioness.

9.—Brighton Handicap (2nd Section) Class 2. From 1½ M.P.—Apple Pie, Arabian Dagger, Barbarian, Ben More, Big Shot, Cooper, Crackerjack, Fire-glo, Fort Knox, My Love, Shannon.

10.—Folkestone Handicap (2nd Section) Class 5. From 1½ M.P.—Avoca, Concord, Dig'empots, Easygoing, Kiljara, Merry Uncle, Pegasus, Rowanlea, Shahrokh, Shun Fung, Teddington, Thunderjet, Uncle Willie, V. I. P., Wardley.

WEEK-END TEAMS

The following are Club selections for rugby, cricket, hockey and lawn bowls matches over the week-end:

RUGBY

Club 1st XV against the Navy on the Club Ground at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow.

First XV:—D Henderson, R Layton, A Steward, R.M Campbell, I Walden, D Nolan, G Bleakley, H.M.G Forsgate (Capt), I Meffan, I Robson, G Minto, R Winyard, P Hutson, M Talamo, J Warne. Reserves.—R de Rome and J Peacock.

Club Second XV against 34 Light A.A. at Causeway Bay 3.15 p.m. to-morrow.—G Runcie, R de Rome, H.M.A. Bristow, J. Taylor, T.A. Roberts, L.M. Meldon, D. Robertson, K Baker, I Robertson, A Bowden, A.G.S. McCallum, R Ballerand, M. Lovell, P. Farquharson, J. Peacock. Reserves—T. Harley and F. Thorp.

CRICKET

Colony XI against Combined Singapore and Hongkong Services team to-day, to-morrow and Sunday. Play will commence at 2.30 p.m. today and at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow and Sunday.—T.A Pearce (Captain), H Owen Hughes, N. Arthy, N.P. Oliver, F.A. Weller, R. Craig, T. Ruffett, G.N Gosano, L.G. Gosano S.M. Teh, C. Connett, P.V. Dodge.

The Combined Services Hongkong against the Combined Services Singapore will be played on October 15 and 16. Players will be selected from the following 12 names:—Army, Capt Haycraft, Capt Graveston, Lieut Maynard, Capt Grace, Lieut Hoskins and Major Bailey. Navy, Lieut Jones and Sergt Jordon. R.A.F., Sq/Ldr Kingsford, Fl/Lieut Wilson, Sergt Dunn and A/C Bennion.

Craigengower against the IRC at Sookunpoo at 1.45 p.m. to-morrow.—G.A. Souza, M.J. Divecha, P.J. Billimoria, P.R. Ragi, T. Crabtree, J. C. Koh, D. Readman, S.S Ismail, S. Shroff, B. Dhabar and M. Singh.

Nav Bharat against the Nau Jawan in the "B" Division on Sunday, at the Army Ground at 10.30 a.m.—Prem, Asger, Ragi, Haney, Balwant (Capt), Gurbux, Rattan, Lall, Mohinder, Jangeer, Utam. Reserves.—Makhan, Sarwan and Jagdish.

HOCKEY

The following will represent the Nav Jawan in a league hockey match against the Nav Bharat on Sunday, October 14, at the Army ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon, at 10.30 a.m.:

Prem Singh, S. S. Dhillon, A. Ali Din, R. Singh, T. Kikabhoy (Capt), S. A. R. Bux, H. S. Dhillon, M. A. Din, F. Khan, M. H. Din, S. A. Dilla. Reserves.—C. Curry, F. Lau and Cameroo.

The following will represent Army "A" against Royal Navy at Sookunpoo on Sunday, October 14, at 11.30 a.m.:—Pte Holmes, CSM Pavey, Sigmn. Hammond, Capt. Dudley, RSM Rayner, Gunner Walker, Cpl Taylor, ORQMS Clarke, Major Clayden, L/Cpl MacKenzie and Major Lamble (Captain). Reserves: Sgt Haydes and Capt. Cox.

Transport will leave Star Ferry, Hongkong, at 11 a.m. sharp.

Anyone who is unable to play will please inform the Secretary, telephone 34121, extension 30.

The following will represent the European YMCA in a hockey match against the Aces at Navy ground (1) on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.:

J. Taylor, M. Bushmell, D. A. Drake, D. Inglis, C. Frater, J. Arundell, M. R. Taylor, A. Ingliss, M. R. Coldicott, J. Mann and J. Long.

LAWN BOWLS

The "Memorial Cup" match will be played on Sunday, October 14 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The "Rosita Cup" Tournament will be held concurrently.

A. M. Prata, D. C. Alves, S. A. Collaco and J. F. V. Ribeiro v L. E. Guterres, B. Pintos, A. M. Guterres and A.M. Souza.

A. Ozorio, A. Silva, C. F. Basto and H. A. Ozorio v A. Ricci Pereira, A. A. Guterres, B. F. Marques and A. A. don Remedios.

A. B. Roza, J. A. Victor, G. A. Noronha, and C. F. Remedios—Bye.

A. R. Osmund, E. H. Carvalho, G. A. Guterres and J. E. Noronha v F. X. Alves, J.C. Fonseca, B. E. Souza and L. F. Xavier.

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J. Guterres, L. F. Lopes, N. A. Beltrao and F. X. M. Silva—Bye.

F. Noodt, J. L. B. Alves, J. A. Rocha and C. E. Passos v R. M. Guterres, C. A. E. Pereira, A. P. Pereira and D. A. Vanenberg.

D. M. Rodrigues, R. M. V. Ribeiro, M. A. Baptista and J. A. Luz v M. F. Pinto, C. A. Noronha, L. A. Soares and A. F. Nazareth.

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Speedway Tests This Winter In Australia

London, Oct. 11.

Jack Parker, of Belle Vue, has selected a team, combining youth and experience, to represent England in a series of speedway test matches in Australia this winter.

The team consists of Parker, Malcolm Craven (West Ham), Arthur Atkinson (West Ham), Ron Mountford (Birmingham), Cyril Roger (New Cross), Arthur Bush (Odsal), Gordon McGregor (Motherwell) and Gordon Jackson (Rayleigh).—Reuter.

American Soccer Team To Play In Israel

New York, Oct. 11.

A 14-man all-star American soccer team left New York's International Airport today to play a three-game series in Israel.—Reuter.

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Force Headquarters

Depot Training. Squad A60, A6: Miniature range, competition. PWT 4. Bolt manipulation.

Intelligence Unit Training. IIQ Section. Tuesday, Oct. 16. New and advanced courses. Staff duties. Thursday, Oct. 18. New and advanced courses. Weapon training. R Section. Parade Wednesday, Oct. 17. Night exercise. Parade 9 p.m. RHKDF Happy Valley. Dress Clean fatigue O.G. Belt and Beret. Exercise should be completed by 11 p.m.

Annual Camp Pay Section. The Pay section will attend on the following dates:—Friday, Nov. 9 to Friday, Nov. 16. Saturday, Nov. 24 to Saturday, Dec. 1. It is intended that the first five days of each period will comprise Pay duties at HQRHKDF and the remaining days at H.K. Regiment Camp, Sai Kung.

Tai Lam Valley Field Firing Area. Owing to construction work being carried out by the Public Works Department in Tai Lam Valley the Field Firing area will not be available for Units of the RHKDF with effect from Oct. 15.

H.K. Regiment

Appointments. Capt. H.A. de B. Botelho, MBE, ED, will take over command of 'A' Coy from Major F. Brett, MBE, ED, on posting to the Depot with effect from Oct. 16.

Duties. Orderly officer of the week—Lieut. M. A. D'Almada Remedios. Next for duty—Lieut. G. C. Hamilton. Orderly sergeant of the week—Sgt. F. J. Anslow. Next for duty—Sgt. J. E. Y. Walker.

Training. Infantry Battalion. "A" Coy. Tuesday, Oct. 16. Programme W/T Strengthening. Quickening and shoot to kill. Exercise I.T. Vol. 1 Pamphlet 3. Appx C. LMG Reorganisation I.T. Vol. 1 Pamphlet 6. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "B" Coy Monday, Oct. 15. Programme 4 and 5 Platoons. LMG FWT's 6 Platoon Exercise LMG's Peak Range. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. "D" Coy Wednesday, Oct. 17. Field Day. Programme Whole Day Field day Kai Tak Range. (i) LMG introduction. (ii) LMG classification shoot. Parade 9 a.m. Murray parade ground. Dress Fighting order O.G. Berets. Jungle Hats to be carried in haversack. "C" Coy Tuesday, Oct. 16. Programme (i) Rifle loading and unloading Para No. 3 Lesson 8. (ii) Rifle aiming 1 Range and figure targets Para. 3 Lesson. 9. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Clean Fatigue O.G. HQ Coy. and "C" Coy Classification LMG. Sunday, Oct. 21. Programme Classification LMG Kai Tak. Parade 9 a.m. WD Security Car Park Salisbury Road. Dress Fighting order O.G. Berets. Jungle hats to be carried in haversack. HQ Coy. M.G. Platoon. Tuesday, Oct. 16. Programme Practice for TOET's Vickers MMG. Wednesday, Oct. 17, or Friday, Oct. 19. C. and R. Troop. Parade 5.30 p.m. Oct. 15, Monday at A.HQ. Ops Room. (a) Plotting and telling instruction. (b) Instruction in Arty control. Thursday, Oct. 18. Telling practice designated personnel. Signals course. Parade 5.30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 at Signals School Murray parade ground. Dress uniform. Cookery Course. Parade 5.45 p.m. Murray Parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. M.T. Platoon Monday, Oct. 15. Programme driving instruction. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue Overalls. M.T. Platoon Thursday, Oct. 18. Programme Driving instruction. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue Overalls. R.A. Section (Specialist Cadre) Wednesday, Oct. 17. Programme as detailed by O.C. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress plain clothes. Sniper's Section—Monday, Oct. 15. Programme Personal concealment, camouflage, movement and stalking. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray ground. Dress Clean fatigue O.G. Jungle hats will be carried on parade. C. & R. Troop. Parade 5.30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 at A.H.Q. Ops Room. (a) Plotting and telling instruction. (b) Instruction in Arty Control. Thursday, Oct. 18. Telling practice designated personnel.

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Home Guard

Training Sunday, Oct. 14. Programme Practice shoot Peak range. Parade 9 a.m. Murray Parade ground. Dress clean fatigue Overalls. Training Thursday, Oct. 18. Programme Points B.D.A. Bren. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue overalls.

H.K. Women's Volunteer Force

Training. Drivers section. Basic maintenance course will commence on Monday, Oct. 15 at RASC 8 Coy. Transport will leave Murray parade ground at 5.30 p.m. driving practice. Wednesday, Oct. 17, or Friday, Oct. 19. C. and R. Troop. Parade 5.30 p.m. Oct. 15, Monday at A.HQ. Ops Room. (a) Plotting and telling instruction. (b) Instruction in Arty control. Thursday, Oct. 18. Telling practice designated personnel. Signals course. Parade 5.30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 at Signals School Murray parade ground. Dress uniform. Cookery Course. Parade 5.45 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue O.G. M.T. Platoon Monday, Oct. 15. Programme driving instruction. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue Overalls. M.T. Platoon Thursday, Oct. 18. Programme Driving instruction. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress clean fatigue Overalls. R.A. Section (Specialist Cadre) Wednesday, Oct. 17. Programme as detailed by O.C. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray parade ground. Dress plain clothes. Sniper's Section—Monday, Oct. 15. Programme Personal concealment, camouflage, movement and stalking. Parade 5.30 p.m. Murray ground. Dress Clean fatigue O.G. Jungle hats will be carried on parade. C. & R. Troop. Parade 5.30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 at A.H.Q. Ops Room. (a) Plotting and telling instruction. (b) Instruction in Arty Control. Thursday, Oct. 18. Telling practice designated personnel.

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Notice

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(sgd.) C. P. Vaughan, Lieut-Col., Deputy Commandant, R.H.K.D.F.

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"YOCHOW"	Osaka & Kobe	5 p.m.	17th Oct.
"HANYANG"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	20th Oct.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m.	20th Oct.
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"HANYANG"	Tientsin		15/16th Oct.
"FUKIEN"	Djakarta & Sibu		17th Oct.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	7 a.m.	18th Oct.
"FENGTIEN"	Singapore		19th Oct.
"SZECHUEN"	Kobe		21/22nd Oct.

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"CHANGSHA"	Japan	21st Nov.

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"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila		28th Oct.
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"CHANGTE"	Australia & Manila		8th Nov.
"CHANGSHA"	Australia & Manila		17th Nov.

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S. "AUTOLYCUS"	do	Sailed	16th Oct.
S. "CLYTONEUS"	do	—	29th Oct.
G. "ANCHISES"	do	—	5th Nov.
S. "ASTYANAX"	do	—	11th Nov.
G. "PATROCLUS"	13th Oct.	17th Oct.	15th Nov.
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"BENDORAN"	U.K. via Singapore	..	8th Nov.
"BENCLEUCH"	—— do ——	..	21st Nov.
"BENWYVIS"	—— do ——	..	24th Nov.
"BENVORLICH"	—— do ——	..	20th Dec.
"BENLOMOND"	U.K. via B.N.B.	..	23rd Dec.

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"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp.	26th Oct.
*"BENALBANACH"	London & Antwerp.	31st Oct.
"BENCRUACHAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow & Hamburg.	10th Nov.
†"BENDORAN"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Avonmouth & Hull.	12th Nov.
"BENLEDI"	Liverpool, Dublin, Hamburg & Antwerp.	18th Nov.
"BENCLEUCH"	Kobe & Yokohama.	22nd Nov.
"BENWYVIS"	Havre, London & Rotterdam.	26th Nov.

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FLEES FROM COMMUNISM

Berlin, Oct. 11.

Werner Niendorf, Chairman of the Christian Democratic Party in the East German district of Schwerin, has fled to West Berlin and has applied for political asylum, city authorities announced here today.

They quoted him as saying that he expected to be arrested in Schwerin for refusing to furnish lists of "reactionary" party friends to the East German State Security Service.

The Neue Zeitung, the American High Commission's German-language newspaper, reported here today that the East German State Security Service last week arrested 19 officials of the Liberal Democratic Party at Schwerin on charges of "anti-State activities."—Reuter.

Madrid, Oct. 11.

Peru will propose the admission of Spain to the United Nations at the next meeting of the General Assembly, due early in November. This was announced by Dr Manuel Gallagher, Peruvian Foreign Minister, here today.—Reuter.

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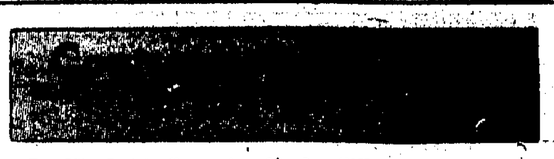

The fifty-first in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries for subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 51.

Commerce (Refer to page 279, "Cantonese Simplified"):

Vocabulary:
540. Sherng(1). Commerce. Trade.
541. chawng(2). A factory.
542. boon(2). Origin. Base. Foundation.
543. dai(1). Low.
544. (1)naan. Difficult. Hard.
545. (3)sheet. To lose (in business).
546. (3)jaan. To gain; earn.
Combinations:
1. Sherng(1) (1)yun.
2. Sherng(1) gah(1). A merchant, tradesman.
3. Goong(1) chawng(2). A factory.
4. Boon(2) (1)tseen. Capital. Principal.
5. (1)Shing boon(2). The cost price.
6. (3)Sheet boon(2). To lose money in business.
7. (3)Jaan tseen(2). To make profit, gain; money.
General Expressions:
252. Baak(3) - faw(3) goong(1)-see(1). An emporium; department store.
253. (3)Yut (3)yoong bun(2). Article in daily use.
254. (3)Jik dzeep(3). Direct. At first hand.
255. Shaang(1) yee(3). Business. Trade.
256. (3)Dzoh shaang(1)-yee(3). To do business. To trade.
257. Hoh(2) shaang(1) - yee(3). Good business. (A greeting to business men).
Place Names:
37. Duk(1)-(3)foo (3)Doh. Des Voeux Road.
(3)SHENNG (3)YEEP: COMMERCK:
1. Poon(1) seen(1)-shaang(1) (3)hai sherng(1)-gah(1). Mr Poon is a merchant.
2. (2)Kui hai(2) Joong(1)-(1)-waan (3)deen-cheh(1)-(3)loh hoy-(1)-jaw(2) yut(1)-gaan(1) baak(3)-faw(3) goong(1)-see(1). He has opened an emporium in Des Voeux Road, Central District.
3. (2)Kui-gaan(1) poh(3)-tau(2) (2)yau hoh(2)-daw(1) (1)yerng-faw(3). His shop has many foreign goods.
4. (2)Yau hoh(2)-daw(1) (3)yut-(3)yoong-bun(2) choot(1)-(3)maaye. There are many articles in daily use for sale.
5. (2)Kui (1)toong (3)ngoy-gwawk(3) goong(1)-chawng(2) (3)-jik-dzeep(3) (3)dehng-faw(3), Shaw(2)-(2)yee (1)shing-boon(2) hoh(2) dai(1). He orders goods directly from foreign factories and therefore the cost is very low.
6. Sui(1)-(1)yeen (1)shing-boon-(2) dai(1), (3)daan-(3)hai (3)kui-geh(3) gah(3)-(1)tseen hoh(2) goh(1). Although the cost price is low, (but) his price is high.
7. (2)Kui-geh(3) (3)lay-(1)tseen hoh(2) shum(1). His profit is very big (deep).
8. Gum(1)-(1)neen, Herng(1)-gawng(2) shaang(1)-yee(3) hoh(2) (1)naan (3)dzoh. This year, business in Hong Kong is difficult to do.
9. (2)Yau hoh(2)-daw(1) poh(3)-tau(2) (3)sheet-boon(3). There are many shops losing money.
10. (3)Daan-(3)hai, (2)kui-gaan(1) poh(3)-tau(2) (3)jaan-doh(2) hoh-(2)-daw(1) tseen(2). However, his shop has made a lot of money.

(To Be Continued)

BAN BY CYPRUS

Nicosia, Oct. 11.

The acting Governor of Cyprus, Mr Fletcher Cooke, today refused a request of the right-wing trades union group for a Greek labour delegation to attend the forthcoming Pan-Cyprian Labour Congress.

The Government, in declining to grant permits for the Greek delegation to come to the island, said: "It is satisfied that the proposed Congress was not intended as a genuine trade union conference but that it would be used for political purposes." This was understood to mean that the Congress would be the background for a revival of the controversy over the union between Cyprus and Greece.—Reuter.

Envoy Sworn In

Washington, Oct. 11.

Mr Chester Bowles, former Governor of Connecticut, was sworn in today as Ambassador to India. The State Department's protocol chief, Mr John Simmons, administered the oath.

Mr Bowles succeeds Mr Loy Henderson, who is now United States Ambassador to Iran.—Reuter.

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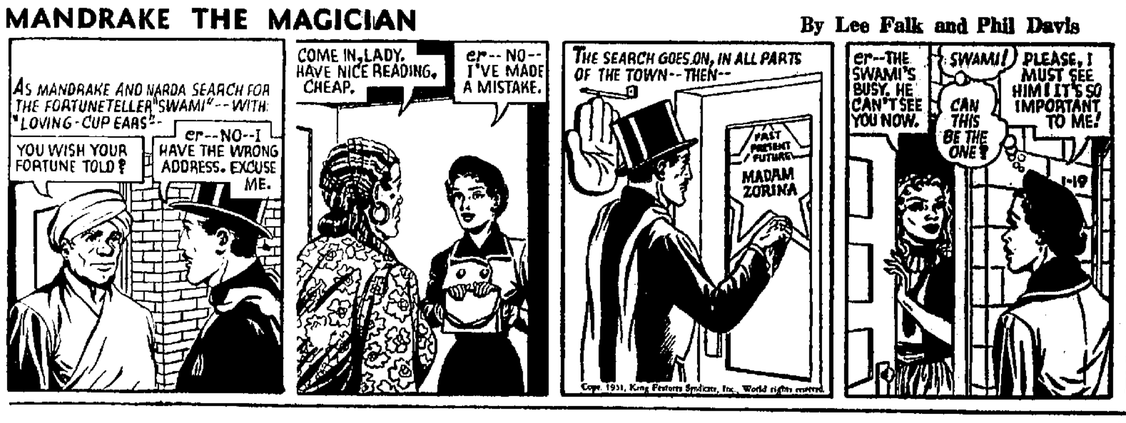

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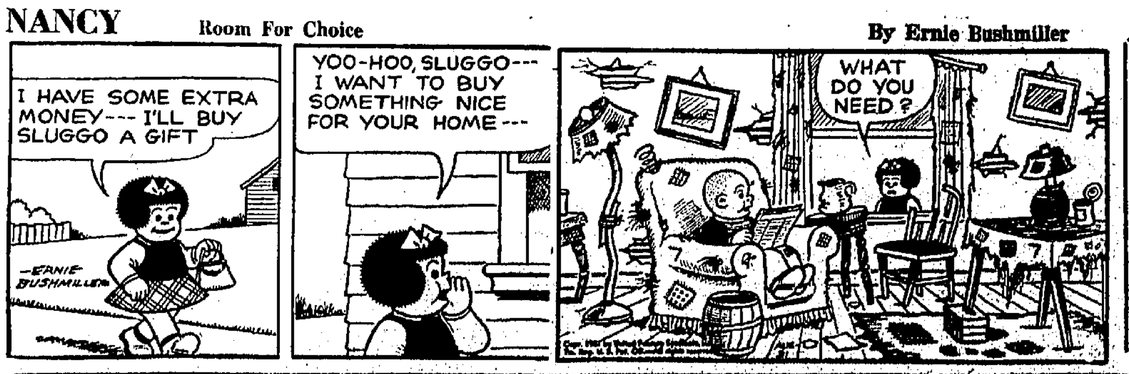

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PLAN FOR UN TO BUY OIL SHARES

Washington, Oct. 11.

Mr Henry Morgenthau's proposal that the United Nations buy Britain's share in the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company brought Congressional objections today that the United Nations would be over-stepping its role to go into a business venture.

In diplomatic quarters, where hope still prevails that the British and the Iranians can be brought back together around the discussion table to settle the touchy oil question, there was reluctance to discuss any alternate proposals.

The State Department had no comment and a British Embassy official said that no comment could be made without further reflection in London.

The only diplomatic source to express any degree of willingness to consider the proposal was the Iranian Foreign Minister, Hussein Fatemi, who commented that it was an "interesting idea."

Senator John Sparkman summed up the majority of Congressional reaction with the comment, "It is a little unusual to expect the United Nations to go into business. It is not set up for the purpose and the United Nations certainly can't just go in and take the oil company over."

President Truman declined to comment on the plan.—United Press.

Ship Tie-Up Averted

Washington, Oct. 11.

The Wage Stabilization Board, with industry members attending, approved today a $30 to $90 monthly wage increase for ship radio officers, thus averting a nation-wide shipping tie-up.—Associated Press.

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	Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
*"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Yokohama & Kobe
"LES GLIERES"	Nov. 9	Nov. 15	
			Homeward For
†"OYONNAX"	Oct. 24	Oct. 25	N. Africa & Europe
*"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Manila, Saigon & Marseilles
†"MONKAY"	Nov. 24	Nov. 25	N. Africa & Europe

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Bolivian Attitude Said To Be Cause Of High Tin Price

London, Oct. 11.

The Financial Times in an editorial asked today "Why has tin recovered from £800 to about £1,000 a ton despite the continued abstention from buying by America, the largest consumer?

"The principal immediate reason for the recent market strength is the fact that Bolivia has resisted the price terms which the United States is willing to offer as part of a new contract.

"The Bolivians point to their high cost while the U.S negotiators point out in reply that heavy taxation is a main ingredient of these costs.

"To this the Bolivian rejoiner is that their whole economy depends on tin. The danger of social and political disturbances in Bolivia is a real one and the U.S. may therefore be ready to concede a large part of the Bolivian claims.

"It is virtually certain, however, that this would be treated by the U.S. as a special exception to the general level of world tin prices.

"Another factor affecting the market may be that some buyers have been anxious to secure supplies of tin in anticipation of a possible international scheme for allocations"

The Financial Times noted that Mr Symington, Director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, sole American buyer and seller of tin, had said the United States had no intention of paying unfair prices just because she needed tin.

"Tin prices have shown remarkably little reaction to this evidence of a continued official U.S. attempt to force them down. Despite the 'surplus' of tin which the statistics show to exist, there has been little evidence yet of any heavy weight of tin overshadowing the world market even while the U.S. has been boycotting it.

"This tends to suggest that outside America, some of the tin thought to be surplus has actually been absorbed in increased consumption.

If, in the U.S., tin was available more freely to consumers, the statistical position and the 'appropriate' price level of the metal would be easier to ascertain."—Reuter.

LONDON MARKET

London, Oct. 11.

Prices of tin were firmer today. Turnover was 75 tons, including 30 tons for cash.

Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers	1,015
Spot tin, sellers	1,020
Business done at	1,015
Three-months tin, buyers	947½
Three-months tin, sellers	952½
Business done at	950-947½
Settlement	1,017

—United Press.

EXCHANGES IN NY

New York, Oct. 11

Canada (dollar)	US$0.95⅛
England—official	2.79-10/16
" unofficial	2.73 bid- 2.40 asked
" 30-day futures	—
" 90-day futures	2.74½
Australia (pound)	2.18
New Zealand (pound)	2.797
South Africa (pound)	2.80½
Belgium (franc)	.01981/16
Denmark (krone)	.1455
France (franc)	.0028-9/16
West German Deutschemark	4.20
Holland (guilder)	.2630
Italy—official	1160¾
Norway (krone)	.1405
Portugal (escudo)	.0348
Spain (peseta)	.0200
Sweden (krone)	.0935
Switzerland—free	.2296
MIDDLE EAST	
Egypt (pound)	2.88⅛
Iran (rial)	.03125
Iraq (dinar)	2.81
Turkey (lira)	.5375
LATIN AMERICA	
Argentine—official	.0710
Brazil (cruzeiro)	.0550
Bolivian (boliviano)	——
Chile—free	.0150
Columbia (peso)	.4025
Cuba (peso)	1.00
Mexico (peso)	.1155
Peru—free	.0650
Uruguay (peso)	.4150
Venezuela (bolivar)	.2005
FAR EAST	
India (rupee)	.2100
Pakistan (rupee)	.2030
Hongkong	.1755
Indonesia	.3040
Singapore	.3395
Japan	360 yen to US$1

—United Press.

PROBLEM FOR PERSIA

New York, Oct. 11.

Persia could find technicians and buyers for oil produced at Abadan but could not find the tankers to transport it, the magazine Newsweek said in this week's issue.

In a three-page survey of the Anglo-Persian oil dispute, Newsweek published a chart showing the following figures of tankers: United States 6,904,000 tons, Britain 6,045,000 tons, Norway 4,416,000 tons, Western Europe outside Norway 4,614,000 tons, other Western Hemisphere countries 1,239,000, Liberia 756,000 tons, Japan 454,000, Soviet Union 188,000 tons.

The writer emphasised the world shortage of tankers and said no American or Western countries would sell to Persia.—Reuter.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Oct. 11.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed 1 to 3 higher.

November	5.50
March	5.44 asked
May	5.47 nominal
July	0/58 "

World sugar futures No. 4 closed:

March	5.17 bid
May	5.17 bid
September	5.18 bid
Raw sugar spot	5.50 nominal

—Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 11.

Prices of copra were quoted today at $192.50 per short ton asked. Coconut oil was quoted today at 14 cents a pound asked.—United Press.

STERLING AREA & JAPAN

Spectacular Trade Increase Unlikely

Pound Soars On Black Market

Paris, Oct. 11.

The Pound Sterling today reached its highest point on the Paris black market since Sterling was devalued on September 20, 1949.

All foreign notes rose spectacularly, the Pound by 20 francs to 1,000, the dollar to 428 and the Swiss franc to 99, compared with 421 and 96½, their respective records for more than two years.

The Bank of France's action in raising discount rates, considered in Bourse circles as a move against inflation, was one reason for the rush.—Reuter.

Rumours On Fate Of Franc

Paris, Oct. 11.

The Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer, met with chief economic experts today amid ever stronger rumours of the impending devaluation of the franc and reports that M. Mayer has decided to reinstitute coinage of gold.

With the black market rate of the dollar soaring to a level higher than any since 1949, financial circles believe that devaluation is imminent despite repeated official denials.

If the franc is devalued to the rate of 400 to $1 in contrast to the present 350 exchange and the black market rate of about 430, it is believed that such action would have little effect on France's earning power since her exports are falling because of a decreasing market in some cases and because of increasing domestic usage in other cases.

On the other hand, it would increase French expenditures for raw materials which are already so high that the dollar gap is becoming alarming.

The dollar on the black market zoomed 13 points to 435 per $1 for denominations of $10 and above, while the rate for single dollars went from 421 to 428.

Gold climbed from 577,000 francs per kilo to 582,000, a gain of 14.30.—United Press.

Two-Sided Market In NY Cotton

New York, Oct. 11.

Cotton trading became more of a two-sided affair. The evening-up for the holiday, and possible Washington week-end announcements on the suggested price propping proposals, caused speculators to even up positions.

The New York and New Orleans markets will be closed on Friday for Columbus day.

Nearby October delivery went off the board on Wednesday. Traders assumed that moderate short interest remained there and its growing tightness caused mills to cover. The firmness in October delivery spilled over into succeeding December delivery which widened over the mark to as much as 25 points at one time.

In Washington, a delegation of Southern Congressmen and growers conferred on Wednesday with the Agriculture Secretary, Mr Brannan, to demand higher Government support for cotton next year.

Hedge selling became more apparent today on the rallies and was more than sufficient to fill the demand from domestic and Canadian mills along with supportive Producer offerings had undoubtedly been attracted by the higher prices in relation to the loan.

The market opened off 4 to 7 points and closed off 17 to 27 points. Prices closed as follows:—

Spot	37.95 nominal
October	37.50 bid
December	36.78 "
March (1952)	36.50-36.60
May	36.55-36.57
July	36.03
October	34.92
December	34.95
March (1952)	34.62 bid

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	38.40
October	37.88 bid
December	36.70
March (1952)	36.58
May	36.53
July	36.03
October	34.80 bid
December	34.58 bid
March (1952)	34.70 bid

—United Press.

Grain Prices Go Lower

Chicago, Oct. 11.

Favourable harvest weather and the higher than expected Government crop estimate sent grain futures lower today. Wheat closed ⅞ to ¼ lower and soybeans were unchanged to 1⅛ lower.

Prices closed as follows:—

WHEAT—price per bushel.

Spot	2.43
September	2.40⅝-⅛
December	2.50⅛-¼
March (1952)	2.50¼
May	2.44
CORN	
Spot	1.61½
September	1.75⅞-¾
December	1.79⅛-½
March (1951)	1.80¼
May	1.80¾
RYE	
July	2.11-2.11¼
September	1.88⅛
OATS	
July	87⅛
September	90⅛-⅜
New York flour—per 100 lb. sack	$12.50—United Press.

"Settling Down Period" Of Six Months Planned

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Oct. 11.

Trade between the Sterling Area and Japan is not expected to show any "spectacular" increase as a result of the recent payments agreement, a Board of Trade spokesman said today.

It is intended that there should be a "settling down period" of about six months in order to see how trade between the Sterling Area and Japan develops under the new payments arrangements.

Until this period has expired it is not intended that any formal trade agreement between the United Kingdom and the Colonies, on the one hand, and Japan, on the other, should be concluded.

Negotiations for bilateral agreements between the overseas Sterling Area countries and Japan may, however, be held.

The Board of Trade denies recent reports from Tokyo that bilateral negotiations between Japan and the United Kingdom and Colonies will be held in Japan next December.

So far as trade between this country and Japan is concerned it is not expected that there will be any large expansion of British exports above their recent "modest" level.

Although Britain is no longer required after a certain point to settle its trade account with Japan in dollars, the Government do not intend that Japan should be allowed to build up large Sterling balances.

Our imports from Japan will therefore be kept at a reasonably low level and other Sterling Area countries will be asked to exercise restraint in their imports.

In the meantime trade between this country and Japan will be closely scrutinised. Imports from Japan will be slightly higher than last year but for balance of payments reasons they will be restricted to essentials.

IMPORT LICENCES

The Board of Trade announced that they will therefore grant import licences for limited amounts of raw materials and semi-manufactured goods, such as cotton and rayon grey cloth for processing and re-export to certain markets, raw silk, timber, certain types of paper, chemicals, iron and steel products, non-ferrous metals and some types of food.

There is no intention at present of fixing a "target" level for trade between the United Kingdom and Colonies and Japan. Further talks will be held between the two countries at the end of the "experimental period" which is due to end in March next year.

Meanwhile the Manchester Guardian says today that Japan should be allowed to co-operate in the Colombo Plan, not only to supply south Asian countries with capital goods for development purposes but also to provide a market for Japanese industry.

But, it warns, many of the schemes now put forward by the Japanese are really no more than a resumption of the economic relations which existed with south Asia before the war, and these were not of revolutionary benefit.

Rapid extension of Japanese industry is necessary to prevent "teeming new millions" of Japanese population from seeking salvation by desperate means, the paper says.

STANDS TO BENEFIT

It is being said in America that if more dollars are to be invested in Asia they should be added to the already very large sums sent to Japan rather than dispersed elsewhere, for if Japan became the workshop of south Asia the dollars invested there would also indirectly benefit the southern countries.

One dollar would thus be made to do the work of two.

Japan stands to benefit from expansion of trade with south Asia, the Guardian goes on. Today it sells a high proportion of its exports to the Sterling Area but continues to pay for a high proportion of its imports in dollars. It therefore possesses a standing surplus of Sterling which it needs to convert into dollars. It will gain if it can obtain more of its raw materials from the Sterling Area of south Asia.

But this picture of an ideal Asian economic structure is rather too simple, the newspaper says. Will the United States, which has to finance its creation, acquiesce in Japan's transferring to south Asia some of its custom for imports?

Sheer physical obstacles stand in the way of further expansion of Japanese industry. There are shortages of skill and machinery, and the price of Japanese exports are still too high. Japan's aid to south Asia can thus at best be a useful contribution.

Japanese trade cannot be a "missing component" of the Colombo Plan.

"The inference is that it is the relative backwardness of Japanese industry, not its enterprise, which is reason for concern in studying the Asian scene and the interests of the Western countries in Asia," the Guardian concludes.

PAKISTAN & JAPAN

Karachi, Oct. 11.

Pakistan's trade with Japan in 1950-51 showed a favourable balance to Pakistan of 135,934,483 Rupees as compared with the adverse balance the previous year of 40,567,987 Rupees.

Large-scale purchases of cotton by Japan accounted for the increase in trade. Pakistan's exports to Japan in 1950-51 totalled 324,347,200 Rupees and imports, 188,412,749 Rupees.—Associated Press.

Dispirited Market In Wool

Sydney, Oct. 11.

Wool prices fell again in both Sydney and Adelaide today.

At the fourth day of the Sydney sales, price for all types of wool closed from 10 to 20 per cent below yesterday's rates.

Prices closed 25 per cent below yesterday's levels at the third day of the Adelaide sales.

Bidding at Sydney was spasmodic and the market was at times lifeless and dispirited in contrast with the animated bidding of Monday and Tuesday.

France, Belgium and other European countries predominated, while Japan, Britain and local mills gave moderate support.—Reuter.

Quiet Day In Textiles

New York, Oct. 11.

The cotton textile market was quiet today with prices about unchanged. Sales of print cloths were light. There was some further interest in bag sheetings.

Wool goods were dull. Mills continued to await some signs of stability in world raw wool prices. For the past two days Australian wool prices have turned lower following a sharp spurt in value over the past three weeks.

Rayon goods were sluggish. The slowdown in activity was reflected in statistics on September rayon shipments totalling 32,100,000 pounds. This was 16 per cent under the levels of August and 25 per cent under the average monthly level for the second quarter of this year.—Associated Press.

Weekly Bank Statements

London, Oct. 11.

The Bank of England statement for the week ending October 10 reads as follows:—

Notes in circulation	£1,852,107,000
Private deposits	393,040,000
Government securities	348,093,000
Other securities	30,964,000
Receipts	48,993,000
Bank ratio	11.8

—United Press.

BANK OF FRANCE

Paris, Oct. 11.

The Bank of France statement for the week ending October 14 reads as follows:—

Total gold holdings	11,448,979,936
Total of other currencies	3,664,553,638
Sight balance abroad	131,189,994,070
Advance to currency stabilisation fund	180,000,000,000
Bills discounted in France and abroad	888,766,941,200
Notes in circulation	1,307,000,100,000
Current accounts & deposits	250,511,100,000

—United Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(Our Own Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $694,098. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1530	1540	
INSURANCES			
Canton	230		
Union	742½		500 @ 750
			100 @ 750
			10 @ 750
Underwriters	4½		
HK Fire	145	165	
SHIPPING			
Asia Nav	1½	1.65	6000 @ 1.25
			5000 @ 1.50
			4000 @ 1.50
K. Wharf	102		
N. Pt. Wharf	6.80	6.85	3500 @ 6.85
Dock	18	18½	
Provident	14½	15	3500 @ 14¾
S'hai Dock	3.90		514 @ 3¾
			1500 @ 4
Wheelock	36	36¼	1000 @ 36¼
			800 @ 36¼
			1100 @ 36¼
			500 @ 36.
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	6.20	6.30	6000 @ 6.25
HK Land		54	600 @ 54
S'hai Land	2	2.20	
Humphreys	11½	11¾	
UTILITIES			
Tram	16.90	17.10	3200 @ 17
P. Tram (O)	22	24	
Star Ferry	111	115	35 @ 111
C. Light (O)	9.20	9.50	500 @ 9.40
			900 @ 9.30
C. Light (N)	6	6.20	2700 @ 6.10
			2000 @ 6.20
C. Light (B)	9.10	9¼	4000 @ 9.20
			2500 @ 9.16
			640 @ 9.10
			750 @ 9.10
Electric		24	600 @ 24
			2100 @ 23¾
Telephone	15	15¼	500 @ 15¼
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	14½	14½	
Rope	20	21	500 @ 20¼
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	18/10	18.30	200 @ 18¼
			2000 @ 18.10
Watson	22¾	23	800 @ 22¾
			950 @ 22½
			200 @ 22¾
L. Crawford	29½		
COTTONS			
Ewo	9.85	4	600 @ 3/70
			2000 @ 3.90

London Share Buoyancy

London, Oct. 11.

The London Stock Exchange was buoyant today.

There was widespread buying in most sections during the early part of the session. Part of the gains were shed near the close, but plus signs were plentiful at the end.

British Government bonds, textile issues and building shares were firm. Oil stocks were mainly steady.

The Financial Times' daily index of London stocks today was 137.9, up 0.4.—Associated Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Oct. 11.

Stock prices moved higher on all fronts with industrial issues scoring the best gains in over a week. In the first general advance of the week, rails, steels, oils, farm implements and certain specialties rose smartly.

Most utilities gained fractionally, although volume picked up with sales totalling 1,760,000 shares. The industrial average rose 1.34 and rails 37 cents, while the utilities average dropped 6 cents. Of 1,143 issues traded, 532 advanced, 369 declined and 242 were unchanged.

Dow Jones averages at the end of the session stood as follows:—

30 industrials	274.10
20 rails	—
15 utilities	46.35
40 bonds	—

London Rubber Futures

London, Oct. 11.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb.	45½-¾
November	45-45½
December	45-45½
January/March (1952)	44¾-45
April/June	42½-43
July/September	41¼-¾

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Bank Drafts (per $1)	5.45
U.S. Dollars (per $1)	5.45
Indonesian Rupiahs (per 100)	3.70
Siam Ticals (per 100)	27.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.73
FEC Starlets (per 100)	13.25

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ARRIVALS

Date	Ship	From
In Port	"TASMAN"	Belawan Deli, Penang, Singapore & Saigon
In Port	"VAN HEUTSZ"	Japan
In Port	"TJIWANGI"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
16th Oct.	"TJIBESAR"	Japan
16th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Java Ports
23rd Oct.	"TEGELBERG"	Japan
24th Oct.	"TJIBADAK"	Java Ports, Macassar & Singapore
24th Oct.	"STRAAT MALAKKA"	S. America, Africa, Singapore & Manila
30th Oct.	"TJITJALENGKA"	Macassar, Java Ports & Singapore
2nd Nov.	"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Japan

	SAILINGS	TO
12th Oct.	"VAN HEUTSZ"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
17th Oct.	"TJIBESAR"	Manila, Singapore, E. & S. Africa & S. America
17th Oct.	"TJIWANGI"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
18th Oct.	"TJIBODAS"	Japan Ports
22nd Oct.	"TASMAN"	Saigon, Djakarta, Semarang & Surabaia
26th Oct.	"TJIBADAK"	Japan Ports
27th Oct.	"STRAAT MALAKKA"	Japan Ports
3rd Nov.	"TJITJALENGKA"	Singapore, Java Ports & Macassar
4th Nov.	"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	Manila, Singapore, S. Africa & S. America

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Date	Ship	From
In Port	"ARENDSKERK"	Europe & Singapore
5th Nov.	"ARENDSKERK"	Japan
2nd week Nov.	"KIELDRECHT"	Europe & Singapore

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Treaty Abrogation

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shoulder high a "coffin" draped with the Egyptian flag. Inscriptions in English and Arabic on either side read:

"The Anglo-Egyptian treaty of 1936."

About eight thousand textile workers at Karnouz, an industrial suburb of Alexandria, downed tools today, many of them joining student demonstrations.

Police headquarters said that no incidents had occurred.

A British military spokesman told Cairo reporters that two British troopships would arrive in Egyptian waters during the week-end, adding that they were "normal replacements for National Servicemen going home."

He said that the Empire Test (8,298 tons) was taking troops to the Suez Canal zone and the Empire Ken (9,523 tons) carried troops bound for East Africa.

"Such movements are going on all the time," he declared.

"The troops arriving in the Empire Test will not increase the size of the British force in the Canal zone."—Reuter.

IRAQ SEEKING REVISION OF OIL TREATY

Bagdad, Oct. 11.

Iraq has approached the British Government for a revision of treaty relations, it was officially announced here tonight.

The Iraqi Premier, General Nuri es Said Pasha, was in London last month for a general review of Anglo-Iraqi relations. He had talks at the Foreign Office and with the Iraq Petroleum Company and with a British firm on the supplying and building of a new £6,500,000 oil refinery near Bagdad.

The Anglo-Iraqi treaty now in force was signed in 1930 to run for 25 years.

The treaty granted Britain sites for two air bases and the right to maintain forces in their neighbourhood.

Under the treaty Iraq undertook to concert defence measures with Britain.

The independent newspaper Alhawadith said tonight that Najib Alrawi, Iraqi Minister in Cairo, contacted the Iraqi Prime Minister yesterday and outlined the situation in Egypt following that country's decision to abrogate the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

According to this report, Najib Alrawi told the Prime Minister that the seven-nation Arab League Council will meet to take a joint decision supporting Egypt's move.

The Prime Minister instructed the Minister to support member states in any decision that might be taken to back up the Egyptian action in her dispute with Britain, the newspaper said.

The Central Political Committee of the Socialist People's Party of Iraq today cabled the Egyptian Premier, Nahas Pasha, congratulating him on abrogating the treaty.—Reuter.

Junk Masters Fined $100

Fines of $100 were imposed on Yip Chai, master of trading junk T1985H, and Lee Kap, master of trading junk T1072, by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning for leaving port without night clearance papers.

Defendants, whose craft were intercepted off Cape Collinson on Wednesday night, also pleaded guilty to making a false declaration by stating that they were carrying 32 drums of lubricating oil, instead of 22 drums and 10 drums of vaseline. On this charge Mr Low registered a conviction and cautioned the defendants on technical grounds.

Government Appointments

The following Government appointments were announced in the Gazette this morning:

Dr Lee Gwoh-liang to be a Structural Engineer, PWD; Miss B. K. Smith and Miss B. J. Brand to be Mistresses, Education Department, on probation; and Mr F. C. Gamble to be a Master, Education Department, on probation.

The Hon. Mr Justice T. J. Gould has been appointed to act as Chief Justice during the absence of the Hon. the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, until further notice.

On Second Lap Of Flight

Argentia, Newfoundland. Oct. 11.

Representative Peter Mack took off from Argentia and headed for the Azores today on the second lap of his round-the-world "peace" flight.

Mr Mack said before leaving that he expected to reach the Azores in nine or ten hours. The 34-year-old Congressman will fly from the Azores to Lisbon, Portugal, to start a tour of the European capitals, including Moscow if clearance is obtained.

He will visit 30 nations on his goodwill tour.—United Press.

SLEEPING WOMAN ROBBED

Police arrested two men offering for sale some Chinese clothing to a second-hand clothes dealer in Waterloo Road about 1.45 p.m. yesterday. Enquiries showed the men had stolen the clothing from a Chinese woman while she was sleeping on the staircase of 15 Parks Street.

Before Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning, Kwok Chung, 25, and Hung Chin-sai, 22, admitted the offence and were each given 14 days' imprisonment.

Doctors See King

London, Oct. 11.

King George, recovering from a lung operation, was seen by his doctors again today, but no bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace.

The last medical bulletin, signed by his five doctors, was issued on Sunday, a fortnight after the King's operation for lung resection.—Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"Amazing how your weak eyes stand the sun—you're the only one on the beach without dark glasses!"

Mr Strickland Appointed A KC

It was announced in the Gazette this morning that H.M. the King has appointed Mr George Edward Strickland, at present acting Attorney-General, as one of His Majesty's Counsel for Hongkong.

It is understood that the Full Court will convene when the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, returns from his short furlough in Manila.

Mr Strickland, BA, BCL (Oxon), and a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple, was born on June 26, 1908. Appointed a Crown Counsel in Nyasaland Protectorate in 1938, he was seconded to the Army on April 6, 1941. On June 25, 1945, he became a member of the Hongkong Planning Unit, and arrived in the Colony on September 7 the same year as Colonel and Chief Legal Adviser in the Civil Affairs Unit under the Military Administration.

He became acting Attorney-General on May 1, 1946, and was appointed Solicitor-General on January 2, 1947. He went on home leave in April and resumed duty as Solicitor-General on January 13, 1948. He became acting Attorney-General again on May 15, 1948, and Solicitor-General on November 23, 1948.

When the Attorney-General (the Hon. J. B. Griffin, KC) went on leave a few months ago, Mr Strickland assumed the acting appointment.

Mr Strickland has also been Chairman of the Chinese Law and Custom Committee and Chairman of the Prison Population Reduction Committee.

Troopship Leaves Today

HMT Empire Orwell will leave port at 3 p.m. today for the Straits en route to England with Servicemen who have served their tour of duty in Korea and Hongkong.

The troopship arrived here yesterday afternoon from the north with small groups of Servicemen representing various regiments who are returning to UK.

Earlier she stopped here for a brief sojourn en route to Korea with the 1st Battalion Royal Norfolk Regiment who joined the 1st Commonwealth Division in Korea.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

(1) The winning owner is not named A (first clue) or G (second clue) or F (third clue). It is therefore J.

(2) So Mr G's Christian name is not R, G or J. It can only be F.

(3) R is the Christian name of Mr B or Mr G. But if Mr B is named G Mr G cannot win the rocker prize. Mr M takes the setter prize and there is only the mastiff prize left for both Mr F and Mr G. Hence R is Mr B whose Christian name is G.

We have now the whole of the facts:

FG owns R, the winning mastiff
GB . . . cocker
RM . . . bloodhound
JM . . . setter

So the dog owner, namesake's prize dog is a setter.

(London Express Service.)

Sneak Thief Caught

For stealing a kerosene stove from a hut in Kowloon Tsai Village last night by sneaking in the back door, Leung Kwok-wah, 17, unemployed, was sent to prison for one month by Mr R.W.S. Winter at Kowloon this morning, and given another two months for breach of a deportation order.

Leung, who had three previous convictions, was caught by the Police trying to sell the stove.

Mabuhay Back In HK

The Moller tug Prince Salvor arrived here this morning from White Dog Island, about 20 miles off Foochow, Fukien, with the Filipino freighter Mabuhay AA II under tow.

The Mabuhay AA II, detained by pro-Nationalist guerillas at White Dog Island since April last, after she had been intercepted when trying to run the blockade, was released early this week after a certain sum of money demanded by the guerillas to cover maintenance cost and fuel expenses incurred during the detention of the ship had been paid.

The Filipino freighter will be put in drydock, according to her representatives here. She will probably be placed on the southern run after her overhaul has been completed.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6.00, Programme Summary; 6.02, Children's Story: "Catch That Spider" by Gilbert Dalton. 2nd Episode. (BBCTS); 6.30, "Cantonese by Radio" Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K.Lee. (Studio); 6.50, Organ Solos; 7.00, No. 27 In The Series Presented by The British Council. (Studio); 8.30, A Robert Stolz Concert; 8.00, World News; 8.10, Farewell Message to the people of Hongkong by H.E. the Commander British Forces, Hongkong, Lt. Gen Sir Robert Mansergh, KBE, C.B., M.C.; 8.15, Music From British Films. Played by Charles Williams & His Concert Orchestra; 8.30, "Ray's A Laugh" With Ted Ray, Kitty Bluett and Fred Yule. (BBCTS) 8.59, Weather Report; 9.00, "From The Editorials" (Recorded Relay); 9.10, "Music Lovers' Hour" Classical Requests. Presented by Curtis Hindson. (Studio); 10.15 Election Broadcast: Miss Hornsby-Smith M.P. (Conservative) (Recorded Relay); 10.35, Interlude. New Concert Orchestra; 10.45, "Dancing Time" With Oscar Rabin and His Band; 11.00 Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.29, Weather Report; God Save The King; 11.30, Close Down.

For carrying five persons in excess of the four which he was allowed to carry, Ho Ping-hi, 28, owner of fishing junk 3203Y, was fined $50 by Mr T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning. Defendant was intercepted off the Kowloon Wharf yesterday morning.

The auxiliary services, to which conscripts are now being directed, constitute an important part of the Colony's new defence and security system. The three main auxiliaries are the Special Constabulary, the Fire Services and the Medical Services.

How these auxiliaries are being built up and what are their principal functions will be described by a China Mail reporter in special articles beginning today. The first deals with

THE SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

When Tom Jones is drafted by the Director of Manpower to the Special Constabulary, he may consider himself thereafter as an 'Auxiliary of the Main Force,' and liable to be called upon by the Commissioner "For any purpose connected with the peace and good order of the Colony in an emergency."

The great difference between Jones and Sam Brown is that Tom is a 'Directed Special' whereas Sam, who joined the force last year, is a 'Voluntary Special.' It is the status of the 'Special' which has changed.

April 1948 saw the beginning of the Special Constabulary—on a purely voluntary basis—with two squads of thirty men each. They were all English speaking non-Chinese, and this Contingent trained with the regular police, went out on patrols and so on. Since then, the number has expanded to 500 volunteers.

All this time, and in fact since before the war, there was a strong Chinese Police Reserve, and this is now considered a separate body, for Chinese with British passports are now directed as British citizens, and these have formed Contingent 2 of the Special Constabulary.

When Sam Brown decided to join, he filled in a form, was checked with the Security Branch of the Regular Force, and when there were enough like him to form a squad of 30, he was notified to appear. So the initial training began, and this went on for four or five months, Sam learning how to handle and fire sten guns, bren guns and revolvers, as well as receiving elementary instruction in law and police duty. He may have had some previous military training which, of course, greatly helped. When his Instructor decided that Sam was satisfactory, he was given a 'Medical,' then sworn in and issued with a uniform. Finally, he was posted to one of the regular police divisions.

WIDER FIELD

Now Tom Jones has much the same sort of training, though perhaps it covers a wider field, and he joins in rather a different way. To begin with, the choice is not his, but having had his Medical and been directed, he is allowed a certain time in which to object to his drafting. Presuming he doesn't, Tom is submitted to the concentrated initial training which nowadays takes only two months, and then he is drafted to a squad of 30 attached to a Regular Division.

The plan is to eventually have one Special Chinese and one non-Chinese division for each of the six divisions of the Regular Force—three in Hongkong and three across the harbour. One little squad of 'Specials' that is apt to get overlooked is that on Aplichau island, behind the fish restaurants in Aberdeen. There are 21 of them, and they come under the Aberdeen district, which has its own section of 'Specials.'

Two squads are given instruction on four evenings every week. One hour is taken up with weapon training and the other with a lecture. Jones must do one evening—two hours a week—during his initial course of training, and, as from last Monday, four hours a fortnight thereafter. Should he happen to do all the hours stipulated during the year, he gets a bonus of $200 at the end of it!

AFTER OFFICE HOURS

Tom, of course, gets all his instruction after office hours, and when he is finally on patrol from 8 to 12 one night, doing his four hours a fortnight, the only way you can tell him from the Regular constable at his side is that Tom wears long trousers and the other fellow shorts. Even this they are trying to change—'Specials' want shorts too. Besides regular beats, his four hours duty might entail mobile control, road blocks and even an occasional raid, just for the experience of it.

Special courses are arranged for the summer months, so that Jones may learn something about radios, vehicle maintenance, First Aid and so on, and eventually he will qualify for a specialised trade, such as an ambulance attendant, drill instructor, driver, law instructor, marine policeman, mechanic, office, patrol or riot duty constable, stenographer, telephone operator, vulnerable point guard, traffic duty constable for several other categories of 'trade.'

The Marine Division is an innovation in the Special branch, and it now consists of about 35 Europeans drawn chiefly from members of the Yacht Club, and when these recruits have done their initial training they will go out on Special patrols under the Regular Marine Police.

Another 'new baby' coming along well is the Communications branch—a very necessary part of the works when one considers that smooth running in an emergency would depend largely on synchronisation between cars, launches and static stations, so that radio and telephone arrangements could continue without a hitch. A complete teleprinter outfit is to be installed shortly, and this new control room which is as yet unfinished is an object of pride and joy to those organising the 'Specials' and their new 'toy'. It will look rather like an 'Operations' room in a wartime control centre, with flags decorating maps, buttons to push and so forth.

240 NEW RECRUITS

Since the Law was amended last month to conform with the compulsory call-up affecting all British subjects in the Colony, 240 recruits have been received in the Special Constabulary from the Director of Manpower. Of these 180 are English-speaking and the other 60 Chinese, to balance the numbers, as it is planned to have the same number in each contingent when the whole organisation is finally complete.

To take in 240 recruits at a time is just about as many as those of the Regular Force who train them can deal with, for unlike the Defence Force, they have no full time staff for this purpose. Should it be necessary, the Commissioner of Police can call upon the Specials for 24-hour duty. Sam Brown, of course, does not need to be called up, though he answers now to the same rules as Tom Jones.

Living Language

Why we say Pagan.

The Roman "pagani" were villagers or rural dwellers and the word had no connection at all with religion. But because Christinnity came to be preached in the larger towns (as described in the Acts of the Apostles) the citizens who were converted began to think of the "pagani" as people who had not heard of the Divine Message and who were therefore heathens. A pagan today is one who worships idols or false gods.

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
By Air

Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Europe, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m., H.K. Airways.
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., Q.E.A.
Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.

By Surface

Macao, 1 p.m.; 5 p.m., ss Tai Loy/Tak Shing.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m., via P.A.A.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m., P.A.A.
Formosa, 3 p.m., C.A.T.
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m., P.C.A.S.
Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, India, France, French North & West Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m., Air France.

By Surface

Macao, 1 p.m.; 5 p.m., ss Tai Loy/Tak Shing.
China People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.; 5 p.m., train via Canton.
Malaya, Ceylon, Medagascar, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, Noon, ss Glengarry.
Indo-China, 1 p.m., ss Hong Ming.
Formosa, 2 p.m., ss Shengking.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
By Air

Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways.

By Surface

Macao, 1 p.m., ss Tai Loy.
Korea, Noon, ss Laure Pattison.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. In north west Africa, between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. 2. The tango. 3. Saint Johns, Newfoundland. 4. They lie north of New Guinea. 5. They are useful as they destroy plant lice and scale insects. 6. A term covering any application for the relief of pain.

PASTEL MINK PIECES

The fashion editor of China Mail 10th October writes that pastel mink is the most popular shade of mink this season, and that full-length coats are so costly many women are choosing smaller mink pieces. Just in time for your better requirements to be worn equally well with suits, dresses or evening gowns, Mode Elite is showing to-day a varied magnificent new collection of genuine New york designed "PASTEL MINK AND OTHER FUR PIECES"—some in long and wide stoles—some in cape-stoles featuring the lastword pastel shade as worn to-day by New york's sophisticated moderns, especially the exciting new "SILVERBLU" mink, muskrat and marmont pieces...all priced within your reach.

WAYS WITH VELVET

Again that fashion editor writes of the many interesting ways that velvet is being used in this autumn, such as touches of velvets seen cleverly applied on dresses, suits, and coats. Just air-delivered a comprehensive exciting new collection of suit-dresses, toppers, coats, party gowns, formals which feature the various uses of velvet. Seeing our new air-delivered garment collection is really a real fashion education—you see something "REAL" in the lastword autumn fashion—not mere pictures which NEVER tell correct lines and details. Also just air-delivered a lovely collection of supreme elegant bridal gowns and assembles and jewelled crowns complete with lace-edging one-piece veils—absolutely "THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND MAGNIFICENT WARDROBE" for brides-to-be and their relatives and friends who join the merry wedding parade.

HATS, GIRDLES, HOSIERY OF QUALITY

Our latest "GAGE" casual and dress hats are ready for your choice. Our exciting new collection of "PETERPAN" hidden treasure bias bras and also strapless ones, MARIAN GATES SUPREME COMMENTARY BRAS, Flexee's latest bras and girdles, Lily of France's girdles for the patrician class, etc. —all unpacked. Our exclusive lines of supreme quality latest "60" gauge nylon hosiery suitable for daytime and evening wear —jewelled hosiery for cocktail wear and dancing. We exclusively feature real supreme quality nylons retailed in America at $2.25, 2.95, 3.95, 5.95 a pair—carefully handled, one pair can last four to six months' daily wash and wear...Come—see them —it pays your time.

SUPREME ELEGANT SHOES & PURSES

Believe or not, it is true that Mode Elite is the only top house in town which features a really wide collection of genuine imported leather shoes with beautiful matching purses well assorted in American domestic baby alligators, calfskins, dustless suedes, silk faille and velvets with jewels or beads, nylon shells trimmed with 24 carat goldfilled designs, etc.—such a wide magnificent new collection of better shoes and better purses NEVER SEEN elsewhere in South Asia—all the visiting Manila tourists choose from Mode Elite's shoe and bag collections as their best stores in Manila don't show the same nice merchandise they can find at Mode Elite. This shows the supreme merchandising skill of Mode Elite from which you can always find the very gift your beloved is enchanted to have.

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